

Student Policy Committee (SPC)

Student Policy Committee October 7, 2020 Minutes

Present: Aidan Coleman, Mike Dodge, Kate Marsland, Mike Nizhnikov, Matt Ouimet

1. Meeting called to order via Webex at 12:15
2. Finalized revisions to Academic Misconduct Policy (v12).
3. Discussed administration's adoption of test-optional admissions policy and concerns about the lack of input from Senate when the policy was adopted over the summer. The committee recommends that the administration convene a committee to address implementation issues around Math and English placement and acceptance to programs/departments that require standardized test scores.
4. Discussed possible adoption of Pass Fail policy for Fall 2020 and concerns around possibly extending the deadline until after grades are posted and about waiving advisor/chair approval of applications. We will seek additional input from Alicia Carroll about whether the application process could be automated via an online form were we to adopt such a policy. We will also request that departments determine which courses may be taken P/F if a policy is adopted and whether grades of P will meet prerequisite and programmatic grade requirements. In addition, we discussed the possible adoption of an appeal process, such as the one that was implemented in Spring 2020. This discussion continues via TEAMS.
5. Via TEAMS: we are also in the process of discussing requests to consider changes to the Attendance Policy, Academic Dismissal Policy and Academic Standing Policy for Post Baccalaureate Students.
6. Meeting Adjourned at 1:55.

Respectfully submitted by K. Marsland