

ADAC Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2015

Milton Hall, room 85 2 hr.

Type of meeting: Regular

Facilitator: Sonya Cooper

Notes: Mari Aguilar

Attending: Jim O'Donnell, Jim Libbin, Kathy Brook, Kori Keyes, Larry Blank, Tim Ketelaar, Kristian Chervenock, Norice Lee, Beth Pollack, Ryan Carstens, Norma Grijalva, Monica Torres, Shelly Stovall, Norma Palomino, Terry Cook, Jacobo Varela (guest), Andrew Nwanne, Harry Sheski.

| Time: | Agenda Item: | Attendee: |
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| 1:00 PM | Call to order | S. Cooper |
| 5 mins | Approval of Minutes –February 09, 2015 | Group |
| Motion to approve by J. Libbin, Seconded by N. Lee. Motion Approved. | | |
| 10 mins | Proposal for Academic Advisor Representation on Associate Deans Advisory Council | T. Cook |
| T. Cook presented the Proposal for Academic Advisor Council Representation. She is currently serving as Chair of Academic Advising Council. This group has met with Provost Howard to discuss the challenges in communication and staying up-to-date on proposals regarding academic policies and procedures. Her proposal states that a representative from AAC will attend ADAC Meetings. B. Pollack commented that it would be beneficial if there was someone from ADAC who would attend the AAC to improve communication as well. L. Blank commented that this change will have to go in the Policy Manual. | | |
| Motion to approve proposal by J. O'Donnell, Seconded by L. Blank. Motion Approved | | |
| 15 mins | Viewing a Wider World and Student Veterans | J. Varela |
| J. Varela commented that he is in the initial stages of a proposal to make a modification to VWW requirements and he would like ADAC's feedback before moving it further. He commented that currently students are allowed to study abroad for minimum of four weeks and receive 3 credits of VWW. He is proposing that those students, who are deployed overseas, should receive credit for one of the VWW requirements. He explained that on average they receive students that have three to five different transcripts from different universities and a lot of those credits get transferred as electives. These students, in turn, end up as freshmen or sophomores that have exhausted their electives and are only restricted to their VA Degree Plan. He also explained that when a soldier gets deployed, they take extensive training and therefore get the multicultural aspect that a VWW would give. He would like to take it to Faculty Senate but is trying to get feedback from ADAC. There was a broad discussion on the inconsistencies of what suffices a VWW requirement. Also a discussion on the students that travel overseas and the difference between multicultural/international and academic experience. ADAC suggested that J. Varela to write the full proposal and bring it back to the next meeting. | | |
| 5 mins | Collection of Responses and Discussion to Proposed Changes in Policy 6.82 Majors, Minors, etc. | L. Blank |
| L. Blank explained that he received some input to clean up the Policy 6.82 Majors, Minors, etc. and will be getting together with S. Munson MGuee. He asked ADAC if they wanted to make this an action item or bring it back on to the next agenda. ADAC decided to bring this item to the next meeting. | | |

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| 15 mins | Proposed Faculty Senate Legislation to Reduce the Minimum Number of Credit Hours to 120 From the Current 128. | L. Blank |
| <p>L. Blank presented the Proposal to Reduce the Minimum Number of Credit Hours to 120 from the Current 128 and make it an action item. G. Fant commented that VWV and this Proposal can be discussed separately. He also commented that this cannot go into effect until there are some programs that have 120 credit requirements because this can be considered false advertising. He explained that if there is not a program in the whole university that supports a 120 degree program this proposal cannot proceed. L. Blank commented that in order to make this effective in the 2015-2016 year it will need to be to Faculty Senate by March 20. There was a question by N. Lee asking if Community Colleges are looking at reducing credits as well? G. Fant responded, yes. J. O'Donnell suggested that the language in the catalog should be changed to have the term "licensure" added since it was talking about accreditation. L. Blank acknowledged the two changes. One to add the word "Licensure" to the catalog language and secondly, to include wording in the proposal to say that the proposal will not become effective until there is a program that has a 120 credit degree requirement. Item will be brought with changes to the next ADAC meeting.</p> | | |
| 10 mins | Deputy Provost Update | G. Fant |
| <p>G. Fant gave an update on implementation of pulling up grades from Canvas to Banner. He commented that they are ready for implementing midterm grades in the summer as well as the end of the semester. In order for this to work, there needs to be a standard grading scheme. G. Fant, also commented that Norma Grijalva's group can preload a grading scheme into Canvas that can be changed or not used at all by Faculty. He asked this group what the grading scheme should be. The group agreed there should be two default grading schemes. One with the plus or minus and one without.</p> <p>G. Fant gave an update on distance education and SARA and having some limits of enrollment. He is currently working on data that is meaningful to this group. He commented that on February 11, 2015 a new report came out on an update on the status of state by state authorization but SARA is still a changing environment. He mentioned that 19 states are already part of SARA and NM is being introduced in Legislation to be part of SARA. G. Fant asked for the help of this group to clarify some of the acronyms for certain courses. He commented that he will keep ADAC group posted and will give semester data.</p> | | |
| 15 mins | Roundtable Updates | Group |
| <p>N. Grijalva-mentioned the Department of Education from Washington, DC is doing FERPA training on February 25th, there will be a session at 8:15am and one at 1:15pm. There was a question asking if this training was mandatory, N. Grijalva said, no but anyone that works with students is recommend to attend this training. The Department of Education recommends for individuals to take it once a year.</p> <p>L. Blank-There is proposal to increase community college representation on Faculty Senate from 4 to 10 senators. This would require a change in Faculty Senate Constitution, which requires a 2/3 vote from all of the voting faculty. Chair is to introduce in Faculty Senate. He was asked to bring it to this group, and decide if this was something that needed to be put on ADAC agenda. The group decided for this item to be put on a future ADAC agenda.</p> <p>N. Lee-They will be having a midterm madness party for people to come to the library and take advantage of late night hours and new study rooms. Event will happen right before midterms.</p> <p>S. Stovall-The office of Assessment is sponsoring 27-29 individual to the NM Higher Education Assessment and Retention Conference in Albuquerque. This is a good opportunity for individuals.</p> <p>N. Lee- They are having the first Assessment Conference and are encouraging people to attend. There will be a poster sessions in Domenici Hall. Students are also encouraged to register for this event.</p> | | |
| No other items | | |
| 2:45pm | Meeting adjourned | S. Cooper |