

MEETING MINUTES FOR
CAPC Student Placement, Advising, and Support
Standing Committee
October 25, 2007

Present: B. Albright, J. Blanco, B. Croston, R. Deak, C. Galizia
M. Messling, R. McCord, D. Skozek,
J. Stonecliffe, B. Whittaker

Absent: M. Harreld

Call to Order

M. Messling called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

Announcements

None

Approval of Minutes

McCord/Albright motioned to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2007.
Motioned carried unanimously.

Old Business Grade Forgiveness Policy Feedback

Action Items: None

Discussion Items:

- M. Messling accumulated feedback from the divisions regarding the Grade Forgiveness Policy and put together a packet for the committee to look over. Committee members reviewed the feedback. For the most part, the comments were positive, although some faculty were opposed to changing the policy.
- With that in mind, M. Messling asked how the committee would like to proceed. Discussion ensued, and it was determined that the main objections to the proposed policy are:
 - changing the waiting period to forgive grades from five years to 1 year
 - changing the number of semester credit hours that have been completed from 24 to 12
 - changing the accumulative grade point average from 3.0 to 2.0
 - forgiving only certain grades

- J. Blanco commented that most agreed that accident and illness reasons for forgiving grades are valid, but expressed verbally their concern about a shorter time frame to forgive grades. Will the student who returns in a year to have grades forgiven really be more mature and more accountable or will they just try to use the proposed policy to their advantage, because they performed poorly in their past classes? If students return as adults, they will be more responsible?
- R. Deak suggested that the committee make a few changes to the proposed policy, try to come to a compromise, and take it back to CAPC. Perhaps some student examples could be included. The committee agreed that this may be the best way to approach the situation. The following changes to the requirements were suggested:

Eligibility: A student can request a one-time forgiveness of up to 15 credits hours (credit hours must have been completed within a consecutive 12 month period) of prior D's & F's after the following requirements are met:

- ❖ ~~Twelve~~ **Fifteen** consecutive college level (100-200) semester credit hours have been completed at MCC with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 and with no individual course grade lower than a C.
- ❖ At least ~~twelve months~~ **Twenty-four** months have passed since the end of the term(s) of the grades to be forgiven.

New Business: CAAP Test Results

Action Items: M. Messling will send the SPAS Committee's CAAP testing questions to K. Chamberlain.

Discussion Items:

- J. Blanco distributed a list of questions for the committee to review. As part of the SPAS Committee's role to provide student support, it was determined that the following questions would be appropriate to ask the Assessment Team:
 1. What comparisons have been made between pre and post-test results?
 2. How are the results of the current testing being used to impact teaching and student learning outcomes?

- R. Deak feels that if we are provided with more information about how the CAAP test results are used, we can use that to help and encourage our students to take the test seriously and give it more than just a moderate effort.

Motion to CAPC: None

Adjournment

Albright/Deak motioned to adjourn the meeting. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

The next SPAS Committee meeting will be Thursday, November 8, 2007 at 2:35 p.m.