

Senate Scholastic Standards Committee

Minutes 03/19/2024

Co-Chairs: Karen Bresciano, Jamie Kleinman

A. Welcome and Introductions

- \***Karen Bresciano, Co-Chair**, The Graduate School
- \***Jamie Kleinman, Co-Chair**, CLAS, Psychological Sciences, Avery Point
- \*Maureen Armstrong, Dean of Students Office
- \*Kelly Burke, Engineering, Chem & Biomolecular
- \*Robin Coulter, Business, Marketing
- \*Carrie Fernandes, Financial Aid
- \*Holly Fitch, CLAS, Psychological Sciences
- \* Gavin Kuebler, USG (absent)
- \*Morty Ortega, CAHNR, Natural Resources and the Environment
- \*Lawrence Walsh, Office of Admissions
- Erin Ciarimboli, Office of Undergraduate Advising
- Sarah Croucher, Provost's Office, Academic Affairs
- Lindsay Cummings, SFA, Dramatic Arts (absent)
- Jennifer Lease Butts, Honors and Enrichment Program (Ex-Officio Member) (absent)
- Brian Rockwood, Registrar's Office
- Sharyn Rusch, CLAS, Advising Center, Biological Sciences (Ex-Officio Member)
- Lauren Schlesselman, CETL, Academic Program Assessment and Learning Initiatives
- Christine Wenzel, Center for Students with Disabilities

B. Approval of Minutes 02/20/2024

- a. Not provided, will be voted on at a later meeting.

C. Announcements

D. Updates

- a. Add/drop subcommittee: Karen Bresciano shared that the draft Guidance document will be shared with the Senate Executive committee this Friday for their review and comments. Updates to follow after that meeting.
- b. Scholastic standing subcommittee: Karen Bresciano welcomed Kelly Gilbert to present slides on this draft proposal. Kelly Gilbert reviewed the work of the subcommittee including that her office did a deep dive into data and trends, and put in work to identify the different populations of students who are currently undergoing this process to analyze gaps and equity concerns. She reviewed each potential change, which are highlighted in the [draft file here](#) and opened the floor to questions. Morty Ortega asked about the timeline for this bylaw proposal and Karen Bresciano confirmed that the hope is to present it at the next Senate meeting (4/1/24) and then be voted on at the last meeting (4/29/24). Concerns were raised regarding doing a vote during the last meeting in case students were not available to be present due to final exams. Karen Bresciano thanked Kelly for their presentation and acknowledged all of the work and thoughtfulness that went into preparing these proposed bylaw changes.

E. New Business

- a. Jamie Kleinman asked about Juneteenth and calendaring; Karen Bresciano shared that she is not sure where this topic landed and that they should bring it up at Friday's SEC w/ Chairs meeting. Discussion ensued on the governance of summer/winter programs as well as a greater question on scheduling and concerns around departments or offices scheduling courses outside of standard semester dates. Discussion also ensued regarding the nuances of governance between The Graduate School and Undergraduate Programs. Discussion also ensued regarding Pop-Up Courses and how they fit into the scheduling structure.
- b. Karen Bresciano raised a question regarding any updates on the Learning Accommodations Taskforce. Holly Fitch answered that she has heard from the Senate offices asking for her recommendations on who should be included in the list of committee members, and that those recommendations would be shared with the Provost's Office who will soon seat the committee. She added that her recommendations basically covered members of the Accessibility Fellows Group that she had previously been a part of.