

Senate Scholastic Standards Committee

Minutes 04/02/2024

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 (absent)
*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)
Brian Rockwood, Registrar's Office (absent)
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](#) and 03/19/2024 (TBD)

- a. The minutes of the February 20, 2024 meeting were approved unanimously. The March 19th minutes will be shared and reviewed at the next meeting.

C. Announcements

- a. Passing of Bylaw Change Proposal (II.E.13) presented by this Committee at the April 1st University Senate Meeting
- b. Karen Bresciano asked about the progress of the Learning Accommodations Taskforce and Michelle Everard shared an update that recommendations of members for this group have been shared with the Provost's Office and that the group should be seated by the end of the semester.

D. Updates

- a. Add/drop subcommittee: Karen Bresciano shared an update with the committee following the last SEC meeting with Committee Chairs. She stated that there was very little consensus on the discussion of these guidelines and that there has been no movement forward on this. Discussion ensued and different ideas were presented on how this may be reformatted or presented differently to be more palatable. Discussion also centered on the greater enrollment issues that the university is grappling with – there are many students who need to add courses during the add/drop period because they are waiting on a seat to become available that is required for their course of study

or some other reason; there is significant shuffling taking place due to institutional limitations. Karen Bresciano proposed that this committee should compile a list of concerns on these items to raise to the SEC to be discussed at a higher level; our idea of guidelines may have been a Band-Aid solution over a greater issue that needs to be addressed. Maureen Armstrong offered to bring these concerns to the SEC and Larry Walsh recommended a collaboration with the Enrollment Committee.

- b. Scholastic standing subcommittee: Jamie Kleinman shared that when this agenda was originally sent, there wasn't an expectation that the Senate would have voted on this proposal yesterday (during the April 1st Senate meeting), so there may not be need for discussion. Michelle shared how this bylaw change will be communicated to the university.
- E. New Business
- a. Larry Walsh: official language forthcoming