

ACADEMIC COUNCIL BOARD

April 23, 2024

Library Tiered Classroom

2:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Russell Brandon, Scott Tollison, Trish Caston, Nicole Patrick, Brandy Larmon, Penny Mansell, Kim Whitehead, Clear Moore, Erinn Holloway, Brian Anderson, Marty Brock, Carla Lowery, Amanda Clay Powers, Irene Pintado, Shannon Lucius, Holly Krogh

Approval of the March 2024 Minutes – Russell Brandon motioned to move the minutes as presented. Brandy Larmon seconded that motion and Academic Council approved the minutes as presented.

RSI Results – Russell Brandon shared the RSI Survey Results for Spring 2024 with the Academic Council Board. He explained that the survey went above what is required for the baseline and that the results are still being configured. The survey includes statistics on direct instruction, instructor feedback, announcements, contact information, and grading. Professors who teach online and/or online hybrid courses were required to complete the survey.

Trellis Financial Wellness Survey Results – Dr. Whitehead presented the results of the Trellis Financial Wellness Survey, which was completed in Fall 2023. Survey results demonstrate students' level of financial need and the resources they need to be academically successful. It was noted that the MUW response rate was close to the national average. Most schools complete the survey every 2-3 years. The MUW "Basic Needs" page (<https://www.muw.edu/basics/>) was also discussed, which has several resources including food, financial, wellness, connection, safety, and academic. The Council Board mentioned conducting a session where the survey results and "Basic Needs" page are shared with faculty members to help students who need the support.

Lifelong Learner Policy – Shannon Lucius provided the Academic Council Board with the Lifelong Learner Program link that is posted on the School of Education website and made a proposal for the Bulletin. This program allows individuals who are not seeking a degree the opportunity to enroll in specific courses they are interested in for professional development. There is a code entered in Banner for this when they apply. Russell Brandon motioned to approve the Lifelong Learner Policy with edits from the Council and Amanda Clay Powers seconded the motion.

Last Date of Attendance – Resources and information regarding the last date of attendance was emailed to the Academic Council Board prior to the meeting. This included policies from several different Universities. During the meeting, it was discussed that opening a file, browsing a power point, clicking on a video, etc. counts as

attendance. There does not need to be a policy made; however, faculty need to be made aware of this and will probably discuss during Fall Development. Dr. Tollison mentioned that Canvas resources can be used to identify last date of attendance.

Policies:

- PS# 3508 Undergraduate Curriculum Council

Trish Caston motioned to approve PS# 3508 with the edits to the top of page 2 and #2, 4, and 6e on page 3. Holly Krogh seconded the motion. Academic Council approved the edits to PS# 3508.

- PS# 3515 Academic Council

Trish Caston motioned to approve PS# 3515 with the presented edits to #2. Erinn Holloway seconded the motion. Academic Council approved the edits to PS# 3515.

- PS# 3540 General Education Curriculum Council

PS# 3540 General Education Curriculum Council Policy was presented to the Academic Council Board. Edits to #1 letters d. and e., #3, and #7 were presented. There were 15 members voting in favor and one member voting against. With the vote, PS# 3540 and PS# 3508 were both approved with the edits by Academic Council.

- Women's College Advisory Committee

Amanda Clay Powers motioned to approve the Women's College Advisory Committee with the presented edits to #2, adding the Graduate Director of Women's Leadership and Director, Center for Women's Research and Public Policy to the Committee as non-voting ex-officio members. Trish Caston seconded the motion. Academic Council approved the edits to the Women's College Advisory Committee.

- PS# 3504 Undergraduate Research Advisory Committee

Amanda Clay Powers motioned to approve PS# 3504 with the presented edits. Erinn Holloway seconded the motion. Academic Council approved the edits to PS# 3504.

Updates:

President Miller approved the proposal to add BSB 171 Biology I and BSB 172 Biology II to the general education curriculum under the Natural Sciences with Lab category.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will take place in September.