

Minutes
Undergraduate Academic Affairs
Wednesday, November 7, 2012

In Attendance: Debbie Barbeau, Fr. Michael Barber, Elizabeth Blessing, Craig Boyd, Richard Colignon, Lisa Dorsey, Susan Fanale, Patricia Gregory, Jay Haugen, Riyadh Hindi, Lisa Israel, Richard Joubert, Debie Lohe, Kent Porterfield, Ann Rule, Bryan Sokol, Kevin Syberg, Maggie Ulione, John Welch, Elizabeth Whitt

Guests: Shawn McCawn, Cari Wickcliffe

Dr. Whitt called the meeting to order. The minutes from the October 3 meeting were approved with a correction notated.

New Federal Regulations for Satisfactory Academic Progress:

Cari Wickcliffe and Shawn McCawn outlined the new federal regulations for Satisfactory Academic Progress that go into effect on July 1, 2013 and how these changes will affect SLU faculty and staff. New federal regulations want documentation on students' progress. Undergraduate students must complete 67% of 150% progress per semester. Students must meet federal SAP requirements to be eligible to receive federal aid. Saint Louis University students must meet SLU SAP requirements to be eligible to receive his/her merit and or need based institutional aid. A student who falls below a 2.0 GPA goes into warning status that lasts for one semester. Federal aid is available to a student during the warning semester. Students who do not meet SAP requirements after the warning semester are moved to a FAIL status and are no longer eligible for federal aid the following semester. There is an appeal process in place. The student is responsible for outlining an academic plan. The student must complete the Form #15 and have it signed by his/her academic advisor. If the student's appeal is denied, no federal aid will be granted that semester. However, if the appeal is granted, the student will be eligible to receive federal aid.

Transfer students are also affected by the new regulations. If a graduate student fails a class, he may use federal funds to pay for retaking the class. However, if the student receives a grade of "C" and *decides* to retake the course, federal funds cannot be used. If a student is in a graduate program that classifies a grade of "C" as a failing grade, then federal funds can be used to retake the course.

Backdated withdrawals are the driver for tuition refunds. Refunds amounts will be based on the last day the student attended class.

Students do receive notification of their status via email and letters. Institutional scholarships do not affect federal dollars.

Update on Undergraduate Academic Policy Review:

Jay Haugen presented an update on Academic Policy Review. If a student graduates and wants to return for a second major should he be allowed to do so? In researching policies of other institutions, the committee found that larger institutions do not allow their students to return for second majors. However, smaller institutions have no issue with their students returning. Saint Louis University does allow students to be non-degree seeking. Financial aid is not awarded to these students.

Jay asked for feedback on how to handle SLU students who are dismissed from a particular program, but not from the University. He is not comfortable with allowing intra-university transfers.

Updates:

- a. Minor in IPE--Dr. Whitt stated the UAAC faculty subcommittee has asked for more information on the program proposal. Dr. Ruebling will be addressing those concerns at the November 14 UAAC meeting.
- b. GIS Certificate---Drs. Walamu and Dannevik will attend the November 14 UAAC faculty subcommittee meeting to answer any questions concerning the proposal for a Certificate in Geographic Information Systems.
- c. University-Level Student Learning Outcomes---Dr. Whitt and the SLO committee held five open forums in October across all campuses. The committee is revising the draft of the policy based on feedback received. The final draft will be presented to CADD for approval and to the PCC. More information will be forthcoming.
- d. SGA—Richard Joubert announced that SGA has voted “no confidence” in the present administration.

The meeting adjourned at 10am.