CAEAS Meeting Minutes – April 4, 2023

Present: Sandra Campeanu, Brenda Hernandez-Acevedo, Benjamin Holtzman, Monica Duncan, Victor Brown, Andrei Jitianu, Zef Amargo
Guests: Brian Murphy, Chair of the Department of Computer Science; Gabriella Kohler, Director of the Office of Student Disability Services; Richard Finger, Interim Vice-President of Enrollment Management; Yvette Rosario, Senior Registrar

Next meeting: TBD

Brian Murphy, Chair of the Department of Computer Science, presented a proposal for a posthumous degree conferral. The committee voted unanimously to approve this conferral.

Gabriella Kohler, Director of the Office of Student Disability Services, then presented a case for a student requesting a math waiver. Given that it was the student's first attempt at MAT126, and he had successfully completed a more advanced statistics course, the committee voted to deny the waiver at this time (4 votes against the waiver, 3 abstentions).

Richard Finger, Interim Vice-President of Enrollment Management, with support from Yvette Rosario, Senior Registrar, then presented a new academic standard policy to replace the current policy regarding probation and dismissal of students. The committee requested that the policy be amended to specify that students not be dismissed until after their performance on winter or summer classes is considered. For example, under this policy, a student might be dismissed after the Fall semester but still permitted to take Winter courses to try to raise their cGPA. Since registration for Spring occurs during the Fall semester, there was a concern that students not be dismissed and therefore dropped from their Spring courses until after their performance in the winter session is considered. As such, Richard Finger agreed to re-phrase this as a conditional dismissal if a student was registered for winter (or summer) courses, and that the final dismissal not technically occur until a later date – once performance in those classes can be considered. In addition, it was agreed that there should next be a re-addressing of the Fresh Start program, to perhaps allow students to re-admit, following dismissal, after 2 years rather than 5 years, as currently stated. This consideration will be addressed further in the near future. Lastly, the committee asked if the sequence of events proposed in this policy change could be automated and whether there were any technical issues to consider. Those considerations have been addressed, and the committee was told that the changes could successfully be implemented. The committee then voted to unanimously approve the academic standard policy change, pending the specification of a later dismissal date to account for winter/summer courses.

Respectfully submitted,
S. Campeanu