

Wayne State University  
Academic Senate  
Curriculum and Instruction Committee  
Meeting minutes  
November 14, 2018

Present:

Brad Roth, Chair	Donna Kashian
Robert Ackerman	Richard Pineau
Juliann Binienda	Michele Porter
Victoria Dallas	Yang Zhao
Thomas Fischer	Liaisons: Paul Beavers (policy committee)
Jane Fitzgibbon	Meghan Courtney (AAUP-AFT)
Jeffrey Grynawski	Bilal Hammoud (Student Senate)
Robert Harr	Nancy Welter (UPTF)

Absent with Notice: Thomas Killion, Darin Ellis (Administration)

I. Appointment of reporting secretary

Juliann Binienda has graciously agreed to be the recording secretary of the CIC.

II. Minutes of the meeting on October 24, 2018 were read and approved as corrected.

III. Continuation of Academic Dishonesty discussion

Yang Zhao discussed the article we were emailed. It was published in the Engineering Society of Detroit newsletter regarding ethics in engineering. The focus is now on “high-tech” cheating. Faculty are challenged now to not only discover student cheating but to know steps to take following infraction. Similar challenges with respect to differential reporting structures around campus. In reference to previous case discussion, the issue of grade appeals, changing of grades and DOSO rules and regulations is also unclear. Discussion ensued regarding the inclusion of academic dishonesty details in course syllabi, need for appeal process transparency, and perhaps more details in university procedures occurred. Ideas brought forth included: outlining faculty role more definitively in the flow chart of appeal process, anti-cheating campaigns across campus, including a unit on academic dishonesty as part of orientation/Wayne Experience. Bob Ackerman suggested an amendment to the Student Code of Conduct that would include faculty involvement in the process. Tom Fischer suggested reaching out to OTL for their suggestions.

Action steps: Invite the DOSO and conduct officer to attend our next meeting to address these issues.

IV. Continuation of “First Day” electronic textbook proposal discussion

Brad Roth explained that the ultimate goal of this would be to have it presented to the Policy Committee and eventually to full Academic Senate by February, 2019.

Jeff Grynawski provided an overview of what had previously been discussed. Discussed the complexities of having any material fee policy changes approved by BOG.

Jodi Young from Barnes & Noble presented a PowerPoint presentation and a draft of a policy. Stressed the Dept of Education policy that any E-book has to be less than a traditional textbook, students can opt-out, students can access before the first day of class. She provided further details of what B & N is offering: Instructor flexibility, customizable to course or program and their fee schedule. Jodi left the meeting.

Committee discussion occurred with respect to the B & N offer. Pros and cons were mentioned including the use of B & N charging a fee for use of OER. Suggestions brought forth included: Other offers should be explored; we need a policy to examine the reduction of costs to textbooks; Jeff Grynawiski suggested a pilot with a few courses beginning in the Spring semester, 2019; If this is adopted need to know how the opt-out mechanism will operate, etc; we should consider learning how other institutions have fared using this.

Brad Roth asked that Jeff Grynawiski draft a motion offering a recommendation and we will deliberate further at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned by Brad Roth.

Next meeting: 12-12-18 – 1:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Juliann Binienda