

Wayne State University
Proceedings of the Student Affairs Committee
November 17, 2021

Present: Kelly Dormer, Siobhan Gregory, Barbara Jones, Afifi Kadadu, Christine Knapp, David Merolla, Rachel Pawlowski, Michele Porter, Shauna Reeves, Michele Ronnick, Brad Roth, Ali Salamey, Naida Simon, David Strauss, Nick Tedesco, Neelima Thati

Absent with Notice: Pynthia Caffee, Michael Horn, Cynthia Merritt, Theresa Perlman, Jennifer Wareham, mark wenzel

Guest: Laurie Clabo

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm via ZOOM. The Agenda and the Minutes from the October 20th meeting were unanimously approved. Naida then asked if anyone had any corrections or additions on the Report of the Student Affairs Committee on the Future of Higher Education or could the report go forward to the Policy Committee. Christine asked that a sentence be added to the Study Abroad section. She will send Naida the language and it will be included.

The next order of business was the discussion of the Revisions in the Student Code of Conduct. Brad led the discussion based on his work on the revision of the code. There are two levels of academic misconduct: 10.1A and 10.1B. 10.1A is the more informal of the two and does not require the filing of formal charges against the student. Both the student and the faculty member have the right to be heard and appeal the downgrading based on the academic misconduct. The university uses a computer platform called MAXIENT that records a record of the misconduct. 10.1B is the filing of formal charges against the student or students. This is not a grade appeal. The key additions to the code include the opportunity of the faculty member to be heard in advance of any decision to modify a grade adjustment. In the event of any decision to modify the grade adjustment, the faculty member must be provided with a written statement of the specific reasons for the overriding the faculty member's judgement. If it goes up a level to the academic dean, the same obligations to the faculty member must be followed. The academic dean's decision is final.

The faculty member may also file official misconduct charges with the Student Conduct Officer.

In any academic year when a department or unit head has made one or more modifications to a faculty determined grade adjustment, that person must make a report without reference to the faculty member or the student listing the modification(s) and the reasons for making them. This report shall be given to the departmental or unit faculty and to the Academic Senate Curriculum and Instruction Committee. When an academic dean has made one or more modifications to a faculty determined grade adjustments, the academic dean shall make a report to the school/college faculty body and to the Academic Senate Curriculum and Instruction Committee. This report is made without reference to the faculty member or the student.

Under 10.1B, the faculty member must be given notice of the Informal Disciplinary Conference and a chance to be heard. If it escalates to the level of the dean, the dean shall render the decision within 10

school days. If the dean sustains the charges, the dean shall decide the appropriate sanctions. The dean shall notify the student or representative, the charging party and the Student Conduct Officer of the decision in writing within 10 school days. The dean's decision is final. If the Registrar needs to be informed, then the Student Conduct Officer shall forward the dean's notice to the Registrar. David S. asked that the Student Conduct Officer be given a copy of any report to be filed in MAXIENT.

The key takeaways are that: (1) the student and faculty member need to be notified at each step, (2) there are timeframes, usually 10 days, to meet and (3) the student has the ability to appeal a grade penalty.

The Committee endorsed unanimously the language changes with the addition of David S.'s suggestion that the Student Conduct Officer be given a copy of any report to be filed in MAXIENT.

Our guest speaker, Dean of the College of Nursing, Chair of the Campus Health Committee and Chief Health and Wellness Officer, Laurie Clabo, was our next speaker. Her topic included what to do when someone is exposed and/or diagnosed with COVID-19. There is a change in the policy based on the science. Between 200 and 300 screeners daily require a phone call based on the answers given in the screener. Currently it takes 19.4 minutes after the screener is submitted. The person with the questionable screener is called. All of the callers are nurse practitioners. Questions include: "when did the symptoms start and when did you test positive?" It is considered a close contact if one is within 6 feet for 15 minutes. There are 2 categories: close contact and vaccinated (no quarantine), and close contact and not vaccinated (quarantine). One then must test 5 – 7 days after exposure. One must quarantine for 10 days if they test positive or 7 days if they test negative on the PCR test 5 – 7 days later. If the contact was in a class, everyone in the class receives a generic email to monitor oneself to make sure you stay safe. What do you do if you are exposed and want to come to campus: firstly, enter the daily screener. If vaccinated, no quarantine is required but you might want to consider being tested. If not vaccinated and there is no waiver on file, one receives a red screener; this means that an assessment is needed. Once the assessment is completed the screener can be changed to green. We publish the metrics: if X happens, we will do Y. We have not had to depopulate the campus this semester.

The university posts its weekly positivity rate every Monday by noon; the numbers are as of Saturday evening. We expect to reach our peak in this current wave by mid-December. We have had 1 cluster this semester and 2 last year. Our positivity rate this fall has ranged from 1.8% to 5.4%.

The Campus Health Center is giving the COVID booster. It is suggested that people 65 and over get the booster and people 60 – 64 with underlying health conditions also get the booster. It is OK to mix and match.

The website is healthcommittee.wayne.edu.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

The next meeting is December 8th at 1:30 pm via ZOOM. The invite and link will be sent later. The guest speaker will be the Darin Ellis to show us what data are available on the OIRA website and dashboards.