

MAFS Executive Board Minutes 2/13/17

Agenda Item	Notes
Attendance	Present: Dr. Achampong, Mike Doncheski, Ermek Nurkhaidarov, Kendra Sites, Somjit Barat, David Seitz, Hanifah Harvey, Dan Dandy.
Call to Order	Chair Ermek Nurkhaidarov called meeting to order at 12:22pm
University Policy re: Academic Policy	<p>Kendra Sites presented an overview of PSU Faculty Senate Policy 54-00 Academic Progress which states that a student will be placed on academic warning if said student fails to earn a 2.00 (or higher) cumulative GPA. Kendra provided an abbreviated outline of this Policy to accompany her summary and reflections on the academic warning (AW) process.</p> <p>Although enacted at UP, each of the Commonwealth campuses has a degree of freedom in creating their own campus-specific response to enacting Policy 54-00. It was noted that although there is a difference from campus to campus who takes the lead in the process of student notification (the registrar, the Learning Center, DUS, Student’s academic advisor), the remainder of the process is remarkably similar.</p> <p>AW students are not able to schedule classes for the next semester, obtain their transcripts or late drop a course until the student and Student Advocacy Specialist (SAS) have created an action plan. Once the plan is created the ‘hold’ on the student’s registration and related activities will be removed.</p> <p>Overview of Process:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notification of the student by the registrar and DAA through email and a mailed letter. The student’s AW status and ‘Hold’ status will be visible in LionPath at this time. 2. A meeting (group or individual) will occur with the student(s) and the SAS to provide education and support. The student’s attendance of this meeting will be documented in Starfish and the “hold” will be removed. 3. A plan for action is then created following the meeting with SAS or designee. 4. Follow-up notes to be documented in Starfish <p>Further discussion and notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. While this policy applies to all students who have 18 or more credits, PSUMA has decided to create a “Pre-AW” status for underperforming students who have less than 18 credits in a hope to prevent these students from becoming actual AW students b. Currently there are 30 AW students enrolled at PSUMA with an additional 25 students who fall into the AW classification. With the current PSUMA enrollment of 850 students, the percentages are: 3.5% total enrollment on AW and 6.5% of total enrollment on AW + Pre-AW. c. There is no common denominator for which students are on AW d. The current PSUMA range for students on AW: 0.3 – 2.0 e. For spring semester 2017, Notification Letters will be mailed the week of 2/13/17. f. Ethical considerations of this policy were shared regarding the confidentiality issue(s) that may surround the group meeting. To this, Mike offered that a strategy might be to title the session as an ‘Information Session’ rather than a title that identifies the students as AW students. Further, the GPAs of the attendees will not specifically be revealed. Further, Kendra noted that there is to be a Polycomm meeting to specifically address the ethics of the group meeting. g. It was also noted that if a student enters into an Academic Suspension status (and is not able

	to schedule for 2 consecutive semesters), the student could still take courses at another institution. However, the resultant transfer credits will not affect the student's GPA
MASF Agenda Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mid-term progress report for Starfish: Opens 2/20/17. Closes 3/13/17. 2. AW Policy 3. Committee reports save for IT and AA which reported last month 4. There may be a reminder to faculty about the upcoming Academic Festival
Other	<p>Discussion regarding the upcoming Thon weekend (2/17/17) included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since its inception, Thon has raised over \$190, 000, 000 that is used in the world of Pediatric Cancer treatment 2. Students do need to communicate clearly with faculty if they will miss class due to their attendance of this University sanctioned event 3. A proposal was voiced inquiring if PSUMA should have a Thon-specific policy to address student absences that are related to Thon attendance. No further action was taken on this suggestion at this time.
Adjournment	Chair Ermek adjourned the meeting at 1:10pm