

IUPUI
Academic Policies and Procedures Committee
Minutes
Friday, 4/4/2003

Announcements

Becky Porter is attending a meeting of her professional association. Mark Grove convened the meeting in her absence.

Academic Affairs Committee Report

Policy for Probation, Dismissal, and Reinstatement

Ken Rennels and the Academic Affairs Committee sought APPC's comments on suggestions Academic Affairs had made to the draft policy. Members walked through the draft and Grove agreed to send a revised version to Rennels. A copy of what was sent is appended below.

Items for Review, Discussion, or Action

SIS

Sara Chambers, project manager, gave a brief summary on the status of SIS and current initiatives. Highlighted was Academic Advising where representatives from the schools are meeting with members of the AA team and Becky Porter to get an understanding of how the project team and the schools will need to work together to successfully implement the tool. This includes anticipated time commitments each school will need to anticipate to load requirements. The total amount of time will vary due to the number and complexity of programs in each school.

Members expressed an interest in getting a better idea of the larger set of deliverables and when the schools should expect to implement (and be trained) to use them.

SES

Nothing to report

Interpretation of Purdue Grades in SIS

Grove informed members of a proposal in SIS to allow grades taken at other Purdue campuses to be included in the university gpa for Purdue-mission students at IUPUI, including those in University College with a Purdue major. Details were attached to the agenda for the April meeting.

Should the student change to an IU-mission program, the courses would be rearticulated. In looking at students in calendar year 2002, only 4 students received a Purdue degree and an IU degree in the same term. As a result, dual programs are not significantly affected. **APPC members voiced no objection to the recommendation.**

Changing time frame for adding courses during summer sessions

Grove reminded members that at APPC's March meeting, those present supported a change to the time frame when students are required to obtain the signature of an instructor to add a

course. Details of the discussion and recommendations appear in the March minutes. Extant practice doesn't require a signature until the second week of the term for all semesters. The proposal raised by Professor Linda Haas was to shorten that period for the summer sessions, in recognition of the compressed instructional period. Due to a relatively small attendance in March, the recommendation was brought forward for discussion and validation at the April meeting.

Grove noted that in our current registration system, moving to an earlier permission to add would also mean students would have to come to campus to drop as the registration system does not separate the two functions. He believes it is possible after the SIS is implemented and that would allow adds or late registrations to have required approvals through a signed add form beginning the fourth day of the term, but still allow students to drop or withdraw on-line. **Members supported the recommendation made at the March meeting to move the add date forward, but recommended delaying implementation until Summer of 2005 in the hopes that the SIS will still allow drops through the first week through the Web.**

Reports from Units

Mike Donahue reported admissions numbers for the Fall are up for both beginners and transfers. Quality is up; minority numbers are up.

Next meeting May 2nd

1:00-3:00

AO 103

Ken:

At the April APPC meeting members discussed the questions raised at AA on the Probation, Dismissal, and Reinstatement document.

We made some modifications to the draft (reflected below). While there was active discussion about #7 in the General section (using only IUPUI grades), concern was expressed that this is problematic in that students would not be able to see such a gpa in looking at insite. The proposed two gpa model to be used in the SIS environment similarly would not show such a gpa. Confusion may result if the overall gpa is above 2.0, but the IUPUI courses are below, calculated by a report and not otherwise obvious to anyone viewing an on-line transcript.

Policy for Probation, Dismissal and Reinstatement

General

1. Dismissal is a campus-level action and may be invoked only by the standards noted below. Students not meeting the requirements specified will generally be released by their schools, but not dismissed by the campus.
2. This policy affects undergraduate students only.
3. Academic units may establish policies for probation, dismissal and reinstatement that are more restrictive than provisions outlined by this policy.
4. Students may be academically released from a particular program if they do not make consistent and appropriate academic progress relevant to their fields of study. This is left to the discretion of the appropriate officer in the school.
5. All students will be allowed at least one semester of probation prior to being academically dismissed.
6. Student financial aid and/or student visa status requirements may not parallel with academic probation, dismissal and reinstatement detailed by this policy. In such cases, the academic requirements take precedent.
7. To ensure equity between inter-campus transfer students and transfer students from outside the IU system, only IUPUI grades will be considered in determining probation and dismissal.
8. By signing the Reinstatement petition, the student agrees to meet with an academic advisor and meet all requirements stipulated by the school.

Probation

1. Students whose cumulative GPA falls below a 2.0 will be placed on probation. Students will be informed of their probationary status by letter.
2. Students may be continued on probation when their semester GPA is above a 2.0 but their cumulative GPA is below a 2.0.
3. Students will be removed from their probationary status once their cumulative GPA is above 2.0

Dismissal

1. Students on probation who have completed a minimum of 12 IUPUI grade point average (GPA) hours are subject to dismissal if they fail to attain a GPA of at least 2.0 in any two consecutive semesters (fall and spring) and their cumulative GPA is below 2.0.

2. Students who are dismissed for the first time must sit out for a minimum of one regular (fall or spring) semester and petition by the established deadlines to be reinstated. Reinstatement is not automatic. Students' chances of readmission will be enhanced by the students taking workshops, removing grades of incomplete, undertaking assessment of their academic problems, and providing evidence of their ability to do successful academic work upon their reinstatement to IUPUI.

3. Students dismissed two or more times must remain out of school for two regular (fall and spring) semesters and petition by the established deadlines to be reinstated. Readmission after a second dismissal is extremely rare. Students' chances of readmission will be enhanced by the students taking workshops, removing grades of incomplete, undertaking assessment of their academic problems, and providing evidence of their ability to do successful academic work upon their reinstatement to IUPUI.

Reinstatement

1. Reinstatement will be the decision of the School to which the students are petitioning.

2. Students who are reinstated will be classified as probationary students until their cumulative GPA is 2.0. During the first regularly enrolled term on probation, the student must achieve a semester GPA of at least 2.3. In each subsequent semester on probation, the student must achieve a semester GPA of 2.0. Failure to meet the semester GPA requirement will result in dismissal.