

**Academic Affairs Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday March 23rd 2022**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Founders Room**

**Minutes**

**Roll:**

| <i>Name</i>        | <i>Present</i> | <i>Absent</i>    |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Senator Lahiri     | X              |                  |
| Senator Cline      | X              |                  |
| Senator Novotny    |                | X (6:04 arrival) |
| Senator Nichols    | X              |                  |
| Senator Torry      | X              |                  |
| Senator Otto       | X              |                  |
| Senator Villalobos |                | X (6:33 arrival) |
| Senator Spranger   |                | X                |
| Senator McNab      | X              |                  |
| Senator Small      |                | X                |
| Senator Monk       | X              |                  |
| Ex-Officio Hurd    | X              |                  |

**Meeting called to order: 6:02 P.M.**

**Minutes from**

- No changes or corrections
- Motion to approved: Senator Torry

- Second: Senator Nichols
- Motion carried; minutes approved.

## **Discussion**

### 1. Updates/Discussion:

- a. Policy 2.1.12 Pass/No-Pass - Credit/ No Credit will be an information item tonight
  - i. Did not make it last meeting
- b. Policy 2.1.21 Undergraduate Academic Standing, Probation and Reinstatement (Issues Pending #21) has been sent to Executive Committee for Review
  - i. Currently delayed for legal review.

### 2. Student membership on the Dean of the (proposed) College of Engineering search committee

- a. The Academic Affairs committee has been tasked with approving the student membership of the search committee for the (proposed) College of Engineering
  - i. “(Proposed)” is mentioned because the Board of Trustees has yet to approve the College of Engineering. It is anticipated that they will approve the College.
  - ii. The details of the makeup of the search committee is outlined in teams.
  - iii. It was noted that this is a non-traditional dean search due to the fact that the college is yet to be established.

### 3. ACT/SAT Changes to admissions policy

- a. The committee is creating a new policy to align with new state policy, this policy was outlined by others before academic senate.

- b. The committee is creating a new policy because there is not a policy that currently exists. ISU has traditionally required students to submit their ACT/SAT test scores. Since the pandemic, this requirement has lifted and it will be lifted for good with the Admissions policy.
  
- c. Discussion about the legal definitions related to certain terminology and if it is needed or if it should be changed
  - i. Moving definition to second to last sentence to read
    - 1. “ standardized test scores with their application. A standardized test score means the composite score or any subscores on the ACT or SAT college admissions test or any other standardized college admissions test. Standardized test scores will be evaluated only at the request of the applicant. “ instead of “test scores with their application. Standardized test scores will be evaluated only at the request of the applicant. Def: . A standardized test score means the composite score or any subscores on the ACT or SAT college admissions test or any other standardized college admissions test.”
  - ii. Clarification related to who this policy is targeted towards. If it would be for just students who are residents of the state or out of state students as well. Consensus was that all students regardless of their status of in-state or out of state will not be required to submit test scores. The policy will read

1. “At Illinois State University, no prospective student s required to submit any standardized test scores with their application.”
    - a. Requiring students from other states to submit based upon their program
    - b. Conclusion, state of illinois taken out.
  
  - d. This policy will only be applied to undergraduate students. Graduate students still may be required to take certain tests (not the ACT or SAT) for thor admission into their respective programs at ISU.
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4. General Education Program review (time permitting)
    - a. Committee should be concerned with gen ed programs as new task from 2018
    - b. Where gen eds have changed and what updates are to come
    - c. Groups that have been working to review Gen eds
      - i. Learning outcomes vetted
      - ii. Best practices honed in

**Meeting Adjourned: 6:49**