

Senate Academic Standards Council Annual Report 2016-2017

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The Council met a total of eight times during the academic year to discuss a variety of issues:

Cross listing of Courses

The Council requested and was supplied with data from the Registrar's office of classes that were cross listed. In addition, the council surveyed the Department Chairs and Deans to determine in what situations classes were cross listed

The survey asked:

- Are there circumstances for both UND and GRAD where courses are combined and taught together by a single faculty member?
- Are there circumstances where two or more UND/GRAD courses are combined?
- In what circumstances do you permit UND/GRAD students to complete an independent study?

The results identified the practice of cross listing undergraduate and graduate classes in small programs with specific circumstances including cross listing undergraduate honors level classes with 5000 level graduate level classes, as well as cross listing 5000 level post-bac teacher certification classes with 4000 level undergraduate classes.

The council determined that his practice was needed, and not abused, so no additional action will be taken.

Independent Study Policy

The council reviewed the 2016 report of the Senate Research and Scholarship Committee on the use of Independent Studies across the University. In order to develop a comprehensive policy on the use of Independent Study members of the council surveyed Department Chairs and Deans.

The results of the survey identified the use of the Independent Study designation for both student research and course replacement for program completion. This information was used to revise the policy which now differentiates between the different uses of

Independent Studies as well as the provides the process for application, review and approvals.

The revised Independent Study Policy was presented to, and approved by, the Faculty Senate on February 28, 2017.

Academic Standing Policy.

The council received a revised Academic Standing Policy from the Office of the Provost which sought to add more time for students to earn satisfactory academic standing. The policy outlined the process for academic warning, academic probation, dismissal and reinstatement.

The council worked with the staff from the Academic Success Center to revise the policies and procedures in order to add two new aspects, the Academic Contract and Continuing Academic Probation.

The policy was presented to the Senate on April 25, 2017 and subsequently returned to the council for clarification. The policy was revised was presented again on May 4, 2017 where a vote was taken to table the discussion until the 2017-18 academic year.

Academic Program Review

The council met with the Senate Assessment Council and Associate Provost Johnathan Lincoln to review the Program Review policies and make recommendations for revisions. At this time, no new policy has been put forth by the Office of the Provost.

Recommendations for next year's Council:

- Review and resubmit the Academic Standing Policy to the Senate
- Work with the Assessment Council and Jonathan Lincoln to revised documentation for program review.
- Liaise with the Technology Council to determine further edits of the Academic Integrity Policy, and work with General Counsel to determine any implementation/enforcement concerns
- Additional policy reviews as assigned.

Respectfully submitted

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