Academic Quality Committee Meeting Report

Report to Senate Executive Committee

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The Academic Quality Committee met on February 19, 2019 and respectfully submits this report to the S.E.C. and Faculty Senate for approval.

Informational Items:

- 1. Academic renewal policy: Sub-committee met on Feb. 12, 2019 at 2:00pm to discuss the policy and generate questions based on the scenario information given by the registrar office.
 - F. Sunkin reported on sub-committee meeting and discussion as to current withdrawal policy. Unanimous vote to return the matter to the sub-committee for further study and report to AQ during the March 19^{th} AQ meeting.

Action Items:

<u>Withdrawal Policy:</u> unanimously passed by the Academic Quality Committee. *The final draft attached for consideration by the SEC.*

<u>Budget Resolution:</u> Passed by Academic Quality and FWPR committees. *Resolution attached.*

Ad Hoc Committee Recruitment and Retention proposal to SEC:

Units traditionally housed in Academic Affairs with responsibilities for student recruitment, enrollment and retention have been eliminated or reassigned to other organizational chains of reporting. These actions decentralize and further compromise the mission of Academic Affairs. The Academic Quality Committee therefore requests that the University Senate form an Ad Hoc Committee of faculty to address recruitment, enrollment and retention and to make recommendations as to organizational structure and strategies moving forward. It is recommended that this Committee specifically consider: 1) extending TIP counties in contiguous states; 2) reinstating Project Finish; 3) targeting University marketing efforts at adult learners; and 4) decreasing or eliminating the cost differential for online classes. This committee should be selected from volunteers who need not be Senators, and should have at least one faculty member per college.

Next meeting of the Academic Quality meeting will be March 19th, 2019 at 2:00 pm in FAC room 221.