

Academic Quality Committee Report

The Academic Quality Committee met on Tuesday, September 17, 2019. In attendance were Senators David Serafini (Chair), Jean Snavley, Sara B. McCaslin, Laura Bohuski, and Aquesha Daniels.

Provost Stevens was invited to the meeting to address Senators regarding the ongoing steps following the CAPE process. However, due to a schedule conflict, she was unable to attend and will instead be at the next meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the difficulty in scheduling a day and time to meet, owing to individual Senators class schedules and professional responsibilities conflicting.

1. Senators Serafini and Bohuski reported to the Committee a summary of the meeting that was held by the Huron Group for the Senate Executive Committee, which provided updates on the RAMP model and process.

2. The Committee discussed potential issues that we might work on this academic year. These included the following:

a. Any follow up to the change enacted by the Senate out of this Committee in the 2018-2019 school year pertaining to the Academic Renewal policy. Specifically, the question of how many retakes a student is allowed as a result of the change.

b. Holding TOP sessions late in the summer and immediately prior to the start of the fall semester and registering for courses that may be less than optimal for a first year/first semester freshman. Additionally, the question of how this effects retention was brought up. Senator McCaslin is a member of the working group for the First Year Experience and agreed to be a liaison between the two. Senator Serafini agreed to speak to First Year Experience working group chair Marko Dumančić about this and potentially ask him to attend a future meeting.

c. A request for feedback and concerns regarding Centralized Advising (such as results and expectations) following year one.

d. Questions regarding TIP (Tuition Incentive Program), Admissions and Recruitment were raised in the 2018-2019 year in this Committee by now former Senators. While the Committee agreed that we did not feel it problematic to address this as it pertains to Academics and the mission of the University, it was also agreed upon to discuss this with the SEC and the Senate as a whole first to ensure this falls under our purview.

The next meeting of the Academic Quality Committee will be on Thursday, October 3, 2019, in Cherry Hall 203 at 2:05. All are welcome and invited to attend.

