

## **JMS Faculty Meeting Minutes**

Sept. 5 2014

In Attendance:

- Deni Elliott
- Joan Eldridge
- Mark Walters
- Casey Frechette
- Randy Carlson
- David Snyder
- Casey Peterson
- Rob Hooker
- Janet Keeler
- Paul Wang
- Tony Silvia
- Monica Ancu

DE: We had a situation where a student had courses completed but not a high enough GPA over the summer.

MA: Students need 45 credit hours and 2.75 GPA to enter the major. They must maintain a major GPA of 2.5 (only department courses) to graduate, but they can still take classes, even if their GPA dips below this.

JE: No red flag is immediately thrown. If they don't come for advising, this can be especially problematic. I put a note at the bottom of the DegreeWorks audit if they come in for advising and their GPA is in trouble.

JE: Solutions if the student's GPA has dropped include taking more classes to raise GPA, grade forgiveness, and retaking a class to raise its GPA.

MA: Is it possible to put a student on probation if GPA falls? Also I plan to do advising again and visiting classes where I can mention this.

JE: Perhaps add boilerplate to syllabus about this requirement.

DE: Monica and Joan will coordinate and we'll continue to monitor this.

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DE: Our Gen. Ed. rep this year will be Paul Wang. We are looking to push VisCom/VIC forward under the Communication category. Not Gordon Rule, but MMC2100 will be.

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MA: Got an email from undergrad this week about scheduling undergrad classes at night. She said undergrads are working, can't take courses during day and thinking of going somewhere else. Does the University have a policy around this scheduling?

JE: This is a continuing concern. Students to bring it up, but I advise that the department will set the schedule as it does. So there are no rules or policies around this. There's also the reality of grad classes getting priority at night.

DE: One solution may be to offer at least one core class online each year.

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CP: EDT has been replaced with Poynter assessment. Costs \$14.95. Requirement is a 70.

MA: Can we added this assessment to acceptance criteria for grad applicants?

DE: We can, with a catalog change. Let's put it on the agenda for next time.

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JE: What do folks do in NNB now?

RH: They find, report and write many stories. Very heavily edited, and the best work gets published.

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CF: *Provides overview of accreditation, self study process. (See attachment.)*

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DE: Additional meeting on Oct. 17.

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TS: I've been reaching out across the campus to see how other departments are handling internships. One goal is to find out what the percentage of internships to majors is. I've suggested this is a good conversation to have. It does seem good to move from raw numbers to percentages. I'm also working on crafting competencies with demonstrable outcomes.

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DE: With new strategic plan, civic engagement and research opportunities for students are a priority.

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TS: Search committee meets in the afternoon. About 30 in the pool. Looks like about a dozen minimally-qualified people.