Armstrong State University
Faculty Senate Bill FSB-2016-04-18-03: Amendment to the Bylaws of the Academic Standards Committee

Presidential Action

The attached bill is provided to the University President for approval.

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Signature: [Signature] Date: 2/20/10

Approve: √

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Comments: (please attach an additional sheet if necessary)

Signature: [Signature] Date: 6/30/16

Dr. Linda M. Bleicken, President
Armstrong State University
Proposed revisions to the Bylaws of the Academic Standards Committee

The members of the Academic Standards Committee, meeting on September 29, 2015, proposed the following revisions to the Bylaws, which include removing the Student Conduct Subcommittee:

Mission
The Academic Appeals and Standards Committee shall hear appeals on undergraduate academic admission and readmission and shall be responsible for recommending policies related to the Academic Standards of the University, Honor Code and the Code of Conduct. The Academic Standards Committee shall consist of two Subcommittees: the Academic Appeals Subcommittee and the Student Conduct Subcommittee.

Membership
The Academic Appeals and Standards Committee shall be composed of six (6) faculty members, with at least one faculty member from each of the four colleges; along with the following ex-officio, non-voting members: the Vice President for Student Affairs or his or her designee; the Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs or his or her designee; the Registrar or his or her designee; the University Appeals Officer; a representative from the Counseling Services Office, and the Director of Academic Advisement. And four non-voting student members. The four students shall be the President and Vice-President of the Student Court, the President of the Student Government Association, and one student-at-large.

Reports
The Committee will submit reports to the Secretary of the Faculty Senate. The summary of decisions of the Academic Appeals Subcommittee will be available to Senators but are not subject to a vote of the body of the whole. The recommendations from the Student Conduct Subcommittee will be included in the materials to be considered and voted upon by the Senate as a whole.

Academic Appeals Subcommittee

Duties
The Academic Appeals Subcommittee shall be informed and make decisions regarding students’ appeals for academic admission and readmission.

Membership
The Academic Appeals Subcommittee shall be composed of the six faculty members of the Academic Standards Committee along with the following ex-officio, non-voting members: the Vice President for Student Affairs or his or her designee, the Vice-President for Academic Affairs or his/her designee, the Registrar or his or her designee, the University Appeals Officer, and a representative from the Counseling Services Office. The representative from the counseling Services Office may be the designee for the Vice-President for Student Affairs. The
University Appeals Officer will serve as chair of this subcommittee so long as he/she is a full time member of the faculty.

Meetings
The Academic Appeals Sub委员会 shall meet will be heard a minimum of six (6) times per academic year: ideally the first weekday in August, two days before the start of fall semester classes, mid-November, two days before the start of spring semester classes, mid-April, and one day before the start of summer classes.

Reports
This subcommittee shall report a summary of their decisions to the Academic Standards Committee for informational purposes only.

Student Conduet Subcommittee
Duties
All rules and regulations relating to student conduct that are proposed by any University official, committee, or student group, and for which sanctions may be imposed in the name of the University, must be submitted to the Student Conduct Subcommittee for consideration and review prior to submission to the Faculty Senate and the student body. The Student Conduct Subcommittee will also select the members of the Student Court.

Membership
The Student Conduct Subcommittee shall be composed of the six (6) faculty members and the four (4) student members of the Academic Standards Committee, and the Vice President of Student Affairs or his or her designee. The Vice President of Student Affairs or his or her designee will have voting rights on this subcommittee.

Meetings
This subcommittee shall meet at the beginning of the academic year to determine student membership. Otherwise, this subcommittee will meet when necessary.

Reports
This subcommittee shall report their decisions and make recommendations to the Academic Standards Committee for their approval.

Rationale: Student Conduct has historically been under the purview of Student Affairs. Therefore, the Academic Standards Committee recommends removing this subcommittee from Senate control but requests that Student Affairs invite faculty representation to review Student Court nominations. This committee has never been involved in policy regarding student conduct despite this being listed as a duty of the Student Conduct Subcommittee. Student conduct policies are written and enforced by Student Affairs. Furthermore, faculty members with limited serving terms are not legally qualified to assess sanctions from violations of student conduct. With the reorganization of and expertise of the leadership of the Dean of Students and Assistant
Dean of Student Integrity with Student Affairs, issues related to student conduct and title IX violations should not be managed by faculty members. Academic Standards and Appeals should be the focus of the Academic Standards Senate Standing Committee.