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Minutes
Student Academic Policies Committee

Date: September 24, 2012

Attendees: G. Doyle, A. Evwaraye, T. Lau, J. McCombe

Tuition Refunds

The current UD policy is to charge 20% of the tuition if the student decides to drop a course during the first week. On the surface it appears that this penalty is excessive. It is being suggested that the penalty be reduced to an administrative cost – maybe 5% of the tuition if a course is dropped during the first week or two. One question that was raised was why the penalty is so high. George Doyle will contact Tom Westendorf to determine if there is a reason, and what it is.

Eighteenth Hour Revisited

Currently a full time undergraduate student (and therefore full time tuition) is 12 – 17 cr hr. Juniors and seniors, but not freshmen and sophomores, are allowed to carry an eighteenth cr hr without being charged extra tuition. The committee would like to move along with the proposal to make a full time student one that is enrolled for 12-18 cr hr for all student levels.

Two comments were raised. First, if UD classifies full time students as those carrying 12 – 18 cr hr, does that designation interfere with any other policies? Second, we should not move this proposal forward to the senate without written support from SGA. George Doyle will contact and encourage SGA to develop a formal request to have 12 - 18 cr hr designated as full time for all undergraduate students.

Summer Tuition

Currently summer and part time credit hour tuition is based on the fall or spring tuition for a full time student divided by 15. In fact many students are taking 16 – 18 cr hr. The committee would like to propose that summer and part time tuition be calculated based on the fall or spring tuition divided by 18. The reasons for this change are three fold. First, using 15 as the divisor means that summer and part time tuition is more expensive per cr hr for many students who typically carry 16 – 18 cr hr in the fall or spring semester; it is an equity issue. Second, a lower tuition rate may attract more students who would otherwise take a course at another university. Third, following from the second issue, increased enrollment during the summer makes better use of our facilities.

A question was raised as to what is the typical fall and spring cr hr enrollment per student. George Doyle will contact Tom Westendorf to determine the answer.

Online Courses Dishonesty

Terence Lau has constructed a survey to determine the experience of student dishonesty associated with online courses encountered by UD faculty. The committee will review the survey and respond with comments by email to Terence and other committee members. After we receive a list of faculty who have taught online, the survey will be distributed.

Terence Lau has signed up for a webinar on dishonesty associated with online courses. Terence and George Doyle will attend a seminar conducted by DELTAK to determine if they have any procedures in place to control online dishonesty.