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## Academic Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes April 12th, 2007

In Attendance: Sharon Carnahan (Chair), Jay Yellen, Hoyt Edge, Dana Hargrove, Marie Shafe, Thomas Moore, Ben Balak, Ed Cohen, Scott Rubarth.

1. The minutes from the March 29<sup>th</sup> 2007 meeting were approved.

2. New Business:

a. Academic Probation and Dismissal-

Hoyt explains that the current policy eliminated the appeal process but did not consider the first year students or allow them to be dismissed from the college after their first semester. This proposed policy allows first years students to be dismissed if their GPA falls below 1.25 with the inclusion of an appeals option for these students. The proposal was reworded to say:

“An Exception is made for First-year students. First-year students will be dismissed from the College after their first semester if their GPA falls below 1.25. If these students would like to be considered for continuation for a second semester, they should appeal their dismissal. If their appeal is accepted and they are continued in the Spring, these students will be required to meet a second semester GPA designated by the Academic Appeals Committee in order to enroll the following Fall.”

“Students on academic warning or probation are required to enroll in a minimum academic load of sixteen (16) semester hours (except waived by appeal), and may not normally withdraw from a course nor take a course on a credit/no-credit basis.”

The AAC voted and approved this amended proposal.

3. Old Business:

Curricular review-

Sharon wanted to continue the discussion of whether staff should be involved in the committees at this 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of the review process.

Thom stated his concern with having staff members on these committees, and there may be an assumption that we are going to keep all the programs. He states we are at the stage where we haven't decided if we are going to keep these programs. Thom wants to have a larger discussion of what 'academic' actually means and whether it includes 'service' and 'leadership' and whether they will become academic or extra curricular.

Jay followed up with, if we are having a group called Citizenship that includes community engagement and service learning etc, this doesn't necessarily mean that it is going to be a part of the academic curriculum, but rather a part of the broader sense of curriculum. Is it appropriate to leave staff members off this particular group?

Hoyt asked if it would be reasonable to have the faculty groups use staff and other faculty as advisors and collaborators if it is appropriate as guest contributors perhaps?

Sharon urges us to consider that everything that happens at Rollins is a part of the curriculum and should be thought of as an integrated whole.

Jay agrees with that but says that we need to make clear the distinction between the broad use of the word "curriculum" and the term "academic curriculum." He can see that these terms need to be more explicit so as not to lead to misunderstanding.

Marie states that some courses at model institutions infuse the social curriculum with the cognitive curriculum.

Thom wants to see all these issues discussed by the faculty and not for there to be an assumption that we will go a certain way because of the way the groups have been divided.

Ed feels that the 'liberal arts' is missing from our proposed groups and should be highlighted or addressed within the invitation.

Thom feels that instead of the newsletter there should be a more substantive document that comes from each of these groups. He also suggests the addition of an executive summary to accompany these longer documents so it can provide a quicker read-over option.

These discussions will continue over email and will hopefully reach a consensus so that the call to participate in the second stage can be sent to the faculty Friday or Monday next week.

The next AAC meeting will be on April 19th 8:15am in the Warden Dining Room.

Dana Hargrove, Secretary