University Academic Affairs Committee

September 29, 2022 2pm

Zoom

Present: Jennifer Magee, Brittany Garvin-Hudson, Xin-Wen Wu, Sayan Sarkar, Rita Dunston, Debra Schleef, Wes Hillard, Melissa Yakabouski, Michael Benson (late)

Meeting called to order.

First order of business was a motion, brought by Rita, to change the language in the undergraduate catalog to accurately reflect changes in the General Education Requirements as per the recommendation of the General Education Committee (see General Education Committee meeting minutes from 10/7/2019). The recommendation was the Beyond the Classroom and After Mary Washington General Education requirements be allowed to be taken Pass/Fail and still satisfy the General Education requirement. Currently, the catalog section on “Pass/Fail Grade” only lists the Beyond the Classroom general education requirement as permissible to be taken as Pass/Fail. The proposed new catalog wording is as follows (proposed additions in italics, proposed removals struck):

A student may take one course each semester, or during a complete summer session, on a pass/fail basis, up to a maximum of eight pass/ fail courses. BLS students may take a maximum of 20% of courses (electives only) on a pass/fail basis. For such courses a grade of PA (pass) or FA (failure) is recorded; a grade of PA does not affect the grade-point average, but a grade of FA counts the same as an F in a graded course and will lower the grade-point average. Performance required to “pass” in a pass/fail course is the same as the performance required to “pass” in a graded course – i.e., D or better. Courses taken pass/fail can be used only for elective credits; they cannot be used to fulfill Major Program or Minor Program or General Education Goal requirements (with the exception of the Beyond the Classroom and After Mary Washington requirement), ~~General Education Connections requirements, or to fulfill teacher licensure course requirements~~. Students should be careful about using the pass/fail option before choosing a major. A student may take up to one pass/fail and two satisfactory/unsatisfactory courses in the same semester.

The motion passed unanimously.

Wes Hilliard discussed plans to move the final date to withdraw from a class back a week to allow more time for students to meet with their advisors and professors and make a more informed decision regarding withdrawal.

Rita informed the committee the university would be implementing the policy of entering a “U”, “S”, or “N” for all students at mid semester reporting. The policy was originally passed by the UAAC in Fall of 2019, sent to UFAC at the UFC meeting on December 4, 2019, and passed by the UFC at the meeting on February 29, 2020. No action is needed by the committee since it has already passed. Where the line S and U is up to the individual instructor.

Some discussion about meeting the week of November 7th, however a consensus was not met. A Doodle poll will be sent to find an appropriate date.

Meeting adjourned at 2:47.