

ACADEMIC POLICIES & PROCEDURES COMMITTEE FY-13 FINAL REPORT

During the FY-13 we did not receive any requests regarding the standing charges. The committee work in the FY-13 specific charges is described below.

Charge 1

Recommend an amendment to the withdrawal policy in USRR 2.2.5 that would prevent students charged with academic misconduct from withdrawing. Currently, USRR 2.2.5.4 states that “Neither the instructor nor the College or School is entitled to withhold approval of the withdrawal.” Report to SenEx by 10/30/2012.

Background: Several schools have complained that students charged with academic misconduct have turned around and withdrawn from the class. Although not in writing, the practice has been that the dean has the right to request that a student charged with academic misconduct be “administratively re-enrolled” in the course pending the outcome of the academic misconduct charge.

Our recommendation for this charge was the following.

We recommend the following addition to USRR 2.6.5

(5) Reduction of grade for the Course: Reduction of grade may include the assignment of an F in the course. **If the charged student dropped or withdrew from the course prior to the outcome of the adjudication, the course will be reinstated and assigned the grade as determined by the outcome of the hearing.**

Rationale

The recommendation from AP&P will inform the charged student that dropping or withdrawing from a course does not avoid consequences of academic misconduct. Preventing a charged student from withdrawing before the completion of the academic misconduct process would violate the presumption of innocence.

Charge 2

Consider whether any of the policies in FSRR Articles III-V would be more appropriately placed with the academic policies in the University Senate Rules and Regulations. Examples of policies to consider might include: FSRR 3.4 (English Proficiency Tests for International Students), FSRR Art. 4,1 (Resident and Non-Resident Study), FSRR 5.1 (Definition of Academic Work), FSRR 5.4 (Regulation of Enrollment Procedures, including the “add policy” in FSRR 5.4.4), and FSRR 5.5 (Auditing & Visitation of Classes).

The Academic Policies and Procedures committee felt that the main concern for Charge #2 was

to make it easier for individuals to find particular policies and their articles that are presently in potentially difficult to find locations within other documents (such as FSRR or USRR). A solution for this would be to identify policies that need to be highlighted as direct links on the Policy Library website (policy.ku.edu) and then use anchors to jump to that point of their home document. This process is already in use for some other policies, such as Academic Misconduct. For an example, <http://www.policy.ku.edu/alphabetically.shtml?A>, has an entry for Academic Misconduct (USRR 2.6.1) that links directly to the appropriate content. These anchored locations are already in place within the Faculty Senate Rules and Regulations and other policy documents. This includes direct links for all examples provided in Charge #2:

English Proficiency Tests for International Students (FSRR

3.4): <https://documents.ku.edu/policies/governance/FSRR.htm#art3sect4>

Resident and Non-Resident Study (FSRR

4.1): <https://documents.ku.edu/policies/governance/FSRR.htm#art4sect1>

Definition of Academic Work (FSRR

5.1): <https://documents.ku.edu/policies/governance/FSRR.htm#ArticleV>

Regulation of Enrollment Procedures (FSRR

5.4): <https://documents.ku.edu/policies/governance/FSRR.htm#art5sect4>

Auditing & Visitation of Classes (FSRR

5.5): <https://documents.ku.edu/policies/governance/FSRR.htm#art5sect5>

Rather than making larger adjustments to their home documents which could have unintended consequences, we could call out these particular subject items and improve readability and navigation of policies by including them in the listings by alphabet, category, office, etc. on policy.ku.edu. Additionally, by not pulling these policies out of their home location, we keep intact both internal and external referencing documentation that is in use by a number of departments.

On January 29, 2013, we were give a new specific charge #3 for AP&P

Charge 3

Begin the process of recommending links among the Policy Library, USRR and FSRR. In consultation with the Policy Office.

Background: At the January 29, 2013 SenEx meeting the chair of AP&P reported on specific charge #2. The committee felt that pulling polices out of their current home documents could create unintended consequences. Amy Smith suggested that the committee provide a list of items that could be linked to specific policies within the policy library.

We have started to work on this new charge. We expect to submit an addendum later on in the semester.