

## Student Affairs Shared Governance Committee

December 8, 2022 at 2:30-3:30pm

Meeting Minutes in red, approved at 1/26/2023 meeting

*Next meeting: January 26, 2023 at 2:30-3:30pm*

**Committee Co-Chairs:** Christine Ohl-Gigliotti, Alicia Henson

**Committee Members:** Alyssa Little, Victor Adegboyega-Edun, JoAnna Shank, Beth McKnight, Jake Klauber, Lori Kendall

### **Agenda Items:**

- i. Review: FA22 Charge re. Academic Probation Requirements
- ii. Guests Comments, Q&A
  - Bob Rohan, Athletic Director – To address: What are the implications of changing our academic probation regulations and how they impact our student athletes?
    - There are several other Maryland Community Colleges that have similar standards as we do for our student athletes, which are slightly higher than the NJCAA standards
    - We run into some very narrow misses that put people on probation, whereas they would still be able to play based on NJCAA standards
    - At the end of this semester, they need to determine what students' NJCAA GPA is and what their HCC GPA is, and then how this will impact their students' eligibility
    - HCC credit calculations does include developmental classes
    - Bob's recommendation is that it would make sense to align with the NJCAA standards, because we're not too far off from their standards – there has been a circumstance where athletes are NJCAA eligible but not HCC eligible. Christine guestimates this occurs about a dozen times a year In the cases that are close to meeting the HCC standard (usually within .1 or .2 of a GPA point) Bob and Christine have an appeal process whereby a student can request an exception and if granted, participate in athletics while on academic probation with conditions; this process is well documented – about 3-6 appeals are approved each year.
  - Heather Barnhart, Coordinator, Student Activities – To address: What implications of changing our academic probation regulations and how they impact our current student clubs and requirements to be a member?
    - Heather looks at the GPAs of the club officers at the beginning of each semester
      - Regular student clubs: As long as they are not on academic probation
      - SGA: Cumulative GPA needs to be a 2.5 or above.
    - Heather stated that there hasn't been too many issues or concerns about removing club officers from their positions due to their academic standing, although it has happened a handful of times

- It can be argued that we are not fairly monitoring all students who are participating in student clubs - there is no realistic way to monitor this.
  - Heather has been in her position for 13 years, she believes that there is value in students taking part in activities and taking part in student clubs – even if they are struggling academically or with personal issues that impact their academics, they will continue to come to HCC and will be retained due to their involvement with other students and extracurriculars
  - That said, she does believe that as a student club leader you should be held to higher standards
  - Mike Harsh, Professor – English, Speech & Drama – echoed what Heather shared about the value of student participation in co-curricular (theater) activities as an academic encouragement and not a distraction. Believes we should not limit students’ involvement in student activities due to placement on academic probation.
  - Beth McKnight, Retention Specialist – unable to attend. Christine spoke for what Retention and Registration sees which are some students struggling with social engagement and isolation as a barrier to academic success. Overall feeling that students who are more engaged – inside and outside of the classroom – will overall perform better academically.
- iii. Committee Discussion - not a lot of time for this. Decision made to end meeting and revisit at the January meeting for a possible vote.

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Academic Probation

Students are placed on academic probation if their total cumulative grade-point average is at least:

- 1.0 but less than 1.7 after 15 attempted credits
- 1.7 but less than 1.8 after 30 attempted credits
- 1.8 but less than 1.9 after 42 attempted credits
- 1.9 but less than 2.0 after 56 attempted credits

Students on probation are not permitted to carry more than 15 semester hours. Students on probation are not permitted to engage in extracurricular activities such as HCC clubs or intercollegiate athletics. A student on probation is not allowed to register on Self-Service and must meet with an academic advisor/ retention specialist in person.

Developmental courses are not considered college level courses and cannot satisfy graduation requirements. However, developmental courses are counted in the total cumulative quality point average to determine academic probation.

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