

ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

MARCH 27, 2019

College of Science Conference Room, North End Center 4302

Members Present: Robin Panneton (Chair), Caroline Leeth, Brittany Boitnott, Cindy Beatty (representative for Susan Sumner), Katie Wells (representative for Lara Khansa), Katherine Albright

Members Absent: Susan Sumner, Bevlee Watford

Guests Present: Tara Frank (Dean of Student Office)

Recorder: Amber Robinson, *Administrative Assistant, College of Science*

Robin Panneton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM

- I. **Old Business:** Introductions and brief overview of previous meetings.
- II. **New Business:** Dean of Students Office (DOS) perspective
 - a. General discussion of AR process from DOS
 - b. Most academic relief cases come through Dean of Students Office from the advisors and normally have to go through Cook or Schiffert
- III. The Dean of Students Office has developed their own policy called Academic Assistance (much like dean's drop); It is the same as academic relief but is usually at the request of an Associate Dean to drop a class.
- IV. Dean of Students feels like they see more lower class students than juniors and seniors applying for AR.
- V. Discussed DOS' perception of problems with current academic relief
- VI. Discussed the potential benefit of centrally tracking academic relief (see minutes from previous meeting)
- VII. Discussed withdrawal (W) usage and ways that this might be improved for students across campus
- VIII. Briefly discussed ideas to improve education about AR policy (once written):
 - a. Write a good academic relief policy
 - b. Get advisors on board to understand how academic relief impacts the student and their future- do not want students using it as a crutch.