



Graduate Council Meeting

February 9, 2024 at 10:00 am

MCCC 319

Minutes

Attendees: Mari Clements, Kandas Queen (proxy for Dwight Heaster), Kaitlin Ensor, Kevin Evans, Rachel Adams, Connie Stout, Larry Baker, Ann Reed, Jason Barr (guest), and Ashley Nicholas

- Call to Order
- MAT Student Appeals:
 - o Three students submitted an academic petition to take 3 more hours in the spring 2024 semester. The students were placed on academic probation due to failing EDCI 534 in the fall 2023 semester
 - o Students must have a 3.0 GPA to be removed from probation, and must keep a 3.0 in following semesters
 - o EDCI 534 began on October 9th
 - o Field Experience cards were due on November 3rd, and no communication was received about the students not being able to complete their field experience
 - o All students would be taking READ 510 & EDUC 610 along with EDCI 534, if approved
 - o All three students completed their undergrad at Glenville. The field placement process is the exact same process at both the undergrad and graduate level
 - o After decision by the Council, students can appeal to President
 - o The Council noted that a process for these petitions need to be defined for future cases
 - o Decisions on appeals will be closed



- Samuel King:
 - Samuel is petitioning to take 3 more hours in the 2nd session of the spring 2024 semester
 - He did not have a car to make it to his field experience placement last semester, the placement was at Leading Creek Elementary
 - Samuel works as a student worker and relies on financial aid refund to get by. Without the additional 3 hours, he would not receive a refund
 - Samuel completed his undergraduate degree at Glenville and would like to finish his master's degree here, and wants an opportunity to correct his mistake
 - If given a second chance, Samuel stated he would be better at communicating with his instructors and will work hard to do better

- Caitlin Reed
 - Is petitioning to take 3 more hours in order to receive financial aid
 - Caitlin did have a car at the time of the placement, but the car blew up shortly after the semester started
 - Took out a personal loan to get a car, and is a student worker. Relied on financial aid refund
 - Was told if field hours weren't completed, they wouldn't pass the class
 - Has no family support
 - If given a second chance, Caitlin stated she would make it to the placement since she has a car now

- Joseph Lutsy
 - Is petitioning to take 3 more hours
 - Joseph stated he struggled to afford gas last semester, and had deaths in his family for which he had to travel to Charleston a lot as well
 - If given a second chance, Joseph stated he would work to complete the field placement hours ASAP
 - Joseph has been on probation before



- Dr. Vann
 - Has had all 3 students before, and all students received As
 - Students did not communicate they were struggling
 - Said he would have worked with students if he had known
 - He supports the students to take the hours since they did well prior
 - Also stated that he made a video to explain the assignment and how it was different than other assignments
 - Dr. Vann made a suggestion for future students: 4 week grades are not due for 2nd session courses, but requiring these may help students in the future from being in this situation
 - Said students did not submit any assignments by the due date (grade sheets were provided to the council)
 - Said he had contacted Samuel and Joseph earlier in the semester about completing assignments that were missing. Caitlin completed discussion assignments, but didn't complete the rest of the assignments
- All Students
 - Said they didn't withdraw from the class because they thought it would affect their financial aid, but did not reach out to the Financial Aid Office
 - Students said they did not reach out to anyone to say they were struggling, and that it was a mistake on their part not to complete the hours earlier in the session
 - Connie told the students to please let someone in the Education Department know if they are struggling so that placement can be changed
 - Also said that instructor(s) disappeared for days/weeks at a time, and that they were told "it is a part of adulting", and that they feel that undergrads are put before grad students. Their experience with instructors make them uncomfortable to speak to the Graduate Council
- Other Notes:
 - Joseph was allowed to take additional hours before, and not petition to do so, because there was no policy in place at the time



- Tim Henline said that students can continue to work as student workers even if they aren't registered for the necessary amount of hours to be a student worker
- The students did speak with Dr. Barr about issues, but did not speak to Education faculty or instructors. Dr. Barr did not reach out to the Education Department about these issues
- Votes:
 - For Samuel King to take 6 hours in the 2nd session of the spring 2024 semester: all opposed, petition denied
 - For Caitlin Reed to take 6 hours in the 2nd session of the spring 2024 semester: all opposed, petition denied
 - For Joseph Lutsy to take 6 hours in the 2nd session of the spring 2024 semester: all opposed, petition denied
- Adjournment, 11:25 a.m.

Ashley Nicholas

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