

Curricular Affairs Committee
Meeting Minutes for February 3, 2016, 1-2:30 pm

Present: Ken Abramowicz, Casey Byrne, Jennie Carroll, Mike Earnest, Alex Fitts (via Zoom), Doug Goering, Catherine Hanks, Cindy Hardy, Eileen Harney, Jayne Harvie, Joan Hornig, Ginny Kinne, Lisa Lunn, Rainer Newberry, Caty Oehring, Patrick Plattet, Holly Sherouse

Absent: Jenny Liu

Guests: Mathew Carrick (ASUAF); Amber Cagwin (Dean of Students Office)

1. Approval/Amendment of Agenda
The agenda was approved with addition of looking over two new minors.
2. Approval of minutes
 - a. Draft Minutes 1/20/16
Minutes were approved as submitted.
3. Old Business
 - a. Grade Appeals Policy
 - i. Special guests Amber Cagwin, Dean of Students Office, and Mathew Carrick, ASUAF President

ASUAF President Mathew Carrick presented three main questions about the grade appeals policy to the committee.

Questions submitted by Mr. Carrick

- i. Why is the student member of the grades appeal committee appointed by the dean, and why is the student nonvoting?

In the case of judicial reviews, Mathew noted that student government appoints the student member. So, he wanted to learn why the dean does so with regard to grade appeals.

- ii. Why is the appealing student not allowed an advocate when he or she has the second meeting with the dean and professor?

He pointed out that current policy is out of compliance with Regents' Policy at P09.03.040, which says that an advisor may be present at all times for the student.

- iii. Why is the review committee's decision final? Does this mean there's no way to appeal the committee's decision at all?

While the decision being final does not contradict BOR policy, Mathew still wanted to understand why that was the case.

Amber commented that her office has not been allowing advocates because of the current UAF policy,

It was noted that the courses for the Art History minor are taught by one faculty person (term instructor). The approval signatures denote there is commitment to offer the minor at the program and college.

The committee approved sending both minors to the Faculty Senate for a vote.

b. Meeting duration

Cathy commented that meeting business could be accomplished in one hour. Due to time constraints and meeting adjournment, there was no further discussion.