

William Paterson University Faculty Senate Councils
Year-End Report

Academic Year 2020-2021

1. Council: Academic Standards Council

2. Council Members:

College of Arts and Communication: [Vacant]

College of Business: Siamack Shojai

College of Education: Sam Fancera

College of Humanities and Social Sciences: Maria Kromidas

College of Science and Health: Joset Brown

Library: Richard Kearney

Professional Staff: Eva Reyes

Adjunct at-Large: Ali Ammar

Administration: Sandra Hill

3. Council Charges and Summary of Activities:

Standing Charges:

1. Review and recommend policy for the adoption, implementation and enforcement of educational and academic standards.
2. Review and recommend policy for the adoption, implementation and enforcement of educational and academic standards in curricular issues.
3. Liaise with university officials responsible for all academic policy matters to conduct an ongoing review of their effectiveness.

Priority Charges for AY 2020-2021:

1. Work cooperatively with the Assessment Council and the administration to outline the timelines for the Registrar (Banner)/ official University catalog system / University website in order to have the program review updates and new programs up and running in a timely manner in order to assist current students and recruit new students.

2020-2021 Summary of Activities: The Council has met infrequently this year. For the last few years we have struggled with an inability to identify a meeting time that will work for everyone. Nevertheless, we were able to make progress on the following:

- The revised Academic Integrity Policy was approved by the Senate in the Spring semester
- The Council voted to approve for forwarding to the Senate two proposals from the administration to revise the policies on:

- Undergraduate degree completion requirements; and
- Credit by examination, portfolio assessment or other evidence of prior learning

5. Recommended Charges for the Next Academic Year:

1. Establish criteria for judging the effectiveness of specific academic policies that fall within the Council's charge (#3) for review.
2. Identify the specific offices with which the Council should be in communication to conduct a review of academic policies (standing charge #3).
3. Establish a calendar for conducting a review of the effectiveness of specific academic policies (standing charge #3).

6. Please provide suggestions for how the council can be better utilized in the next year:

- Establishing a record of written policy effectiveness reviews (to be maintained in the Senate office) will help the Senate and the Council by creating a historical record for tracking and context, while providing a basis for continuity in the Council's work even as its members rotate in and out.