Academic Affairs
Senate Subcommittee
March 6, 2017

Attendance:

Joanne Bruno, Terry Barry, Tony Drago, Kathleen Duguay, Justin Raymond

Minutes:

Old Business:

The committee was quite satisfied that the presentation on the "Remind Application" was well received by nearly all ESU Senate members and that it offered a viable alternative for contacting students in the event of an emergency.

A motion was passed by the ESU Senate to invite a member from the University-wide Scholarship committee to the next Senate meeting. Terry Barry shared that he would contact Bob Cohen to ensure the invitation had been extended.

A motion was passed by the ESU Senate to investigate the notion of placing a hyperlink on the student scheduling page so that students could easily review the impact that their selection of classes would have on their exam schedule at the conclusion of the semester. Terry Barry talked briefly with Bob D'Aversa who shared that he would investigate the requirements of fulfilling this request.

New Business:

Student representative, Justin Raymond, shared a concern that was brought to Student Senate. The concern centered on the notion that when faculty use "Pearson" made tests that accompany textbooks, the students are required to pay a fee for an access code. As such, students who buy textbooks used or borrow them are required to pay an access code fee even once they have the required textbook. The committee decided to invite Joseph Akob, Executive Director of the Student Activity Association, to their next meeting to further investigate procedures related to this concern.

Senate Report:

The Student Senate received a concern related to Pearson Publishing Test Access Codes. Essentially, the concern centered on the notion that when faculty use "Pearson" made tests that accompany textbooks, students are required to pay a fee for an access code. As such, students who buy textbooks used or borrow them are required to pay an access code fee to access their test. The Student Senate recommended faculty use D2L for the administration of tests. The committee decided to invite Joseph Akob, Executive Director of the Student Activity Association, to their next meeting to further investigate procedures related to this concern before making any recommendations.

Action Items:

1.   Terry Barry will contact Robert Cohen to invite a member of the University-wide Scholarship Committee to the next ESU Senate Meeting.

2.   Terry Barry will contact Bob D'Aversa to investigate the procedure for including a hyperlink on the student scheduling page that will allow students to review the exam schedule.

3.   Terry Barry will contact Joseph Akob and invite him to the next ESU Senate Academic Affairs Subcommittee meeting.