

FY-10 ACADEMIC PROCEDURES AND POLICIES – (AP&P)

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Chgs #4 & 5 modified by SenEx; 10/6/09

- Contact SenEx chair John Stratton, jstratton@ku.edu, for further information or to schedule a meeting with SenEx to discuss recommendations for action on the charges.
- Minutes of each meeting should be e-mailed to University Governance (govern@ku.edu) as soon as they are approved. The minutes will be posted to the Governance web site.
- If the committee is recommending a change to university policy or rules, SenEx must officially receive that recommendation before 03/23/10 in order to meet timeline requirements for full review by Governance.
- A final report on the committee's actions on each of the charges, as well as the committee's recommendations for FY11 charges and membership, should be e-mailed to the Governance Office (govern@ku.edu) by 04/01/10.

STANDING CHARGES

As circumstances require:

1. Communicate with the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, the University Registrar, and other administrative officials on academic matters relating to the instructional mission of the university. Identify important issues and report recommendations for action to SenEx. (ongoing).
2. Review academic policy issues as referred by SenEx, including issues raised by COCAO (Board of Regents Council of Chief Academic Officers) and the Council of Presidents of Regents institutions. Report recommendations for action to SenEx as needed. (ongoing)
3. Monitor proposals for Program Restructuring and Discontinuance, hold hearings, and follow other procedures in accordance with Article VII of the University Senate Rules and Regulations. Report important issues and any recommendations for action to SenEx. (ongoing)

SPECIFIC CHARGES

1. Examine models for grade menus for graduate students in the wake of the changes to the Incomplete policy, as described in Dean Sara Rosen's memo dated 7/21/09 (attached). Report to SenEx by 10/6/09.
2. In consultation with the International Affairs Committee, review the recommendation in the report from the Ad-Hoc Committee on English Proficiency Requirements for Undergraduate Admissions. Report recommendations for action to SenEx by 10/06/09.
3. Review the University of Kansas' Financial Exigency policy found in USRR, Art VII. It was last reviewed by AP&P in FY03 and they did not suggest any changes at that time. USRR 7.5.1 states that "Every five years after the official acceptance of this document by the Chancellor, it shall be reviewed by the University administration and by AP&P. Either group may then suggest revisions to the document." Any changes to the policy would ultimately go to the University Senate for a vote. Report 11/17/09.

4. Examine the consistency of the grading policies of the various professional schools and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and those policies' effects on the academic achievement and motivation of students. Additionally, examine the possibility of implementing a consistent +/- policy for the entire University. Report findings to SenEx by 03/02/10.
REVISED 10/6/09: SenEx requests that AP&P: 1) ask the Registrar's Office which schools use the +/- option, 2) determine whether the decision to use the +/- is up to each professor's discretion or whether it is department-wide or school-wide, and 3) find out how often faculty members in each school are actually using the plus/minus grade option. In addition, SenEx suggests that Student Body President Mason Heillman be invited to meet with AP&P when this issue is discussed so that he can provide information on specific student concerns with this issue.
5. Review KU's current withdrawal policy relative to the tuition and fees for courses dropped in the first withdrawal period. Make recommendation to Senex by 02/16/10.
Revised 10/6/09: SenEx is putting this charge "on hold" while Student Body President Mason Heilman confers with the University Registrar about this issue.