REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:

In preparation for the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) reaffirmation visit during the Fall 2019 semester, Academic Affairs and Academic Planning and Assessment request changes be made to the Faculty and Academic Staff Rules and Procedures (FASRP) to align with best practices. Other changes to FASRP are being made to remove outdated language and replace it with updated language.

Change #1 (10/30/18)
Overview of Course requirements, FASRP (Part III, Article 6, Section B), p. 130.
Existing Language:
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Proposed Language:
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Student Academic Grievance Procedures, FASRP (Part III, Article 6, Section B), p. 134.
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Change #3 (12/3/18)
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Academic Misconduct on the Part of Students
Changes to FASRP

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Points Discussed by Committee:
1. Avoiding specificity of language to accommodate constant academic change.
2. Faculty involvement in approval process of student academic grievance procedures and academic misconduct on the part of students.

Pros of Recommendation:

Proposed changes align with current best practices and removes language from text that is outdated.

Cons of Recommendation:

none

Technology/Human Resource Impact:

None

Committee Recommendation:
The committee approved the above-mentioned changes to the FASRP.
MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

by a vote of 9 for to 0 against on October 30, 2018 (Date)

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The University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

by a vote of 7 for to 0 against on December 3, 2018 (Date)

Recommends that:
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Implementation Date: Next publication of the FASRP

Signed: _______________________________________
Chair of the Committee

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