ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Monday April 21, 2014 3:45-5:15 Hyde 349
Attending: Deb Tobine, Roxana Wright, Christin Chenard, Roger Blake, Annette Holba, Zhizhang Shen, Christina Bradbury, Jamie Hannon, Jim Hundrieser, Christie Sweeney
Absent: George Gilmore, David Zehr

AGENDA

I. Approval of March 28, 2014 minutes (see attached below)
Approved.

II. Discussion: SAT test optional discussion (Jim Hundrieser and guest, Andy Palumbo)

A document sent separately described the initiative. Benefits of SAT test optional include:

- Students seem to do better in the classroom than what the scores suggest.
- SAT test has been proven to have biases. Other predictors of success are more effective (high school GPA and academic rigor).
- The test optional admission may provide a comparative advantage based on the fact that other colleges have chosen to do this.
- The new CRM is a good tool for compiling additional information.
- Would allow dual admission at PSU and community colleges (students would be on track to complete a degree at PSU after starting at a community college); would reduce application costs for students.

Downside:

- Perception that the standards are lowered.
- A number of strong institutions still use SAT scores for admission.

The committee supported the initiative unanimously.

III. Old Business – Status of Minors Policy subcommittee; Status of Academic Integrity Panel discussion; Status of Attendance Policy subcommittee.

No updates.

IV. Announcements: None.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.

Reminders: Mark your calendars!

1. Dates for Academic Probation and Severance:
   - Wednesday 6/4/2014 9:00am Probation Advisories – Center Lodge, Granite Room.
Thursday 6/19/2014 9:00am Severance appeals – Center Lodge, Granite Room.

Meeting dates for Fall 2014 – Do you want to remain in Hyde 349 for next year? Should reserve a space.

Monday, September 15, 2014 3:45-5:15pm
Friday, September 26, 2014 2:30-3:30pm
Monday, October 20, 2014 3:45-5:15pm
Friday, October 24, 2014 2:30-3:30pm
Monday, November 17, 2014, 3:45-5:15pm
Monday, December 15, 2014, 3:45-5:15pm