



Report of the Senate Academic Policies and Grading Committee  
February 10, 2015

1) The Committee has been repopulated. Current members are:

Millie Chen, Melvyn Churchill, Michael Cowen, Elaine Cusker, Katharine Darling, Jeffrey Errington, Todd Hennessey, Donald McGuire, Balwant Nagra, Kara Saunders, Harold Star

Resigned: Jeri Jaeger, Pat Kane (02/04/15)

Retired: Lee Dryden, Joseph Salamone

Additional members are being sought to bring greater representation to the Committee.

2) The Committee met on January 29, 2015. Present were M. Cowen, E. Cusker, K. Darling, J. Errington, T. Hennessey, P. Kane, D. McGuire, B. Nagra, K. Saunders

Excused: M. Chen, M. Churchill

Absent: H. Star

Guests: S. Adinolfi, S. Papazaharias, M. Thompson

The agenda consisted of the Academic Integrity Policies, both graduate and undergraduate, and the Course Enrollment Policy. Discussion of the Academic Integrity Policies was postponed, pending further refinement of the policies by the Graduate School and the office of the Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs.

We discussed the Course Enrollment Policy at length. Currently, some students who wish to repeat controlled enrollment courses either petition the CAS Dean's Office (a process that requires petitions so early in the prior semester that students do not yet know their grades) or they are exception registered by departments if there are open seats available. Other students are unaware of this approach even when seats may be available.

At the end of the discussion, a proposal was made by Prof. Todd Hennessey to open enrollment a few days before the semester begins (after international students, the last to enroll, have had the opportunity to register) to students who wish to repeat a controlled enrollment course. Students would be informed before enrollment begins that there would be this limited opportunity to enroll in these designated courses if seats are available.

A revised Course Enrollment Policy in accord with Todd's proposal was drafted by Associate Dean Elaine Cusker and is being circulated for revisions to the Committee. It is currently undergoing refinement and is near completion. The Committee will then discuss adoption of this policy and, if approved, forward it to the FSEC for adoption by the Senate.

--Michael Cowen, Convener