

Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Academic Policy Committee
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Attendance

Committee present:

Faculty:

Matthew Monteith
John DiStefano
Sam Schlosberg
Dyan McClimon-Miller
Debra San
Ann Wessmann
Shou-Chih Yen
Joe Wood

Administrators:

Jonathan Rand
Daniel Szabo
Eric Dusseault

Recording Secretary: Eric Dusseault

I. Call to Order

1. Jonathan Rand called the meeting to order at 1:20 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

1. 10/30/2013 minutes were approved, with minor edits.

III. Old Business

1. 1. Discussion continued from last meeting to discuss ACC's charge to APC, submitted to the Academic Policy Committee (APC) by the All College Committee (ACC) Recording Secretary, Ruth Dowling, formally submitted on October 17, 2013 regarding MassArt's Re-Admission Policy which reads:

" On October 16th, All College Committee unanimously voted to forward a charge from Ken Strickland [Provost, Massachusetts College of Art & Design] asking APC to review MassArt's policies on attendance and incomplete grades. Concerns include the perception that these policies are rules, not guidelines, overall ambiguity in language including the use of percentage of class time or number of classes In the guidelines (sometime[s] the policy says 80%, other times 2 classes), and the varying length of semesters and number of meeting times and how this relates to polic[i]es.

When reviewing these policies, ACC would like APC to consider

- 1) *The different places where the policies are referenced (web, printed material) and identify areas of inconsistency.*
- 2) *The college's policies and the ways individual departments have implemented policies."*

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a. Discussion Resumed

- Jonathan Rand reviewed findings on Re-admission policy research conducted since the last APC meeting. The institutions included a list of AICAD (Association of Independent Colleges of Art & Design) and Massachusetts Commonwealth Public Institutions. These schools were:
 - Cleveland Institute of Art
 - Emily Carr University of Art & Design
 - Framingham State University
 - Montserrat College of Art
 - Parsons- The New School
 - Ringling College of Art & Design
 - Rhode Island School of Design
 - Salem State University
 - School of Visual Arts
 - University of Massachusetts- Boston
- Dan Szabo reviewed MassArt's current credit requirements for graduation and number of students seeking to be re-admitted or returning to the institution to complete their degree.
- The committee discussed issues surrounding the length of time a student can be away from the school before needing to go through a re-application process- this ranged from 1 year to 10 years (based on research and on MassArt's current Leave of Absence policy)
- A proposal was put forth by Jonathan Rand to produce two options to be considered for the committee's review, based on the feedback given by the APC during discussion. These proposals will be sent electronically to the committee and discussed at the next APC committee.

IV. New Business

1. There was no new business introduced.
2. Debra San motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:15pm, seconded by Matthew Monteith.
3. The committee will meet again on 12/11/13 to continue discussion on the ACC charge of Re-Admission and Attendance as well as possible new charges. There will be no meeting on 11/27/13 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

IV. Adjournment—Jonathan Rand adjourned the meeting at 2:16pm