

President's Cabinet
Minutes
July 31, 2012
9:00 a.m. – President's Conference Room

Attending:

Donald Avery

Michelle Goff

Mike Rountree

Bob Boehmer

Tim Goodman

Mary Smith

Cliff Gay

Susan Gray

Elizabeth Gilmer

Caroline McMillan

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by President Bob Boehmer. Dr. Boehmer welcomed the group.

Minutes from the May 22, 2012 and June 26, 2012 meetings were presented to the cabinet. A motion was made for the minutes to be approved by Dr. Tim Goodman with a 2nd by Elizabeth Gilmer. The minutes were unanimously adopted.

Updates were given on:

- Associate degrees at EGCS Statesboro
- Discussions about possibility of offering programs in Augusta
- Consultant's report concerning nursing programs
- Meeting with Ga SW concerning online bachelors business degree
- African American Male Initiative – task force
- New EGSC website
- Compilation of EGSC policies and procedures
- Faculty senate proposal to create this body
- Statutes – proposal to update statutes

Brief reports were made on the following items:

- Hiring of faculty and staff – status reports – all
- Enrollment for summer and fall 2012 - Donald Avery
 - Summer results
 - Fall projections
- Fall Faculty Workshop – Tim Goodman
- Title IX training – Mary Smith
- Summer 2012 Facilities Projects – update – Michelle Goff
- Capital Budget Proposal – Cliff Gay, Michelle Goff

Actions Items:

- Learning Support Policy – Tim Goodman/Donald Avery/Janet Stracher
Janet Stracher presented the new Learning Support Policy that will take effect Fall 2012. Changes to the policy were discussed. A motion was made by Dr. Goodman to except the policy with a 2nd from Donald Avery. Questions were answered followed by a unanimous vote to accept the new policy.
- Presidential Choice Scholarships – Donald Avery/Elizabeth Gilmer
Elizabeth Gilmer presented a proposal on Scholarship Procedures for the President's Choice Scholarship. A motion was made by Dr. Tim Goodman to accept the proposal with a 2nd from Michelle Goff. The cabinet voted unanimously to accept the proposal.
- Minority Advising Program – Donald Avery
Donald Avery made a motion that the verbiage in the Student Handbook on the Minority Advising Program be removed. A motion was made by Dr. Goodman with a 2nd by Elizabeth Gilmer. Following discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.
- Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy – Avery
Mr. Avery discussed the appeals procedure for Financial Aid. A motion was made to make the appeals process at EGSC consistent with Federal Standards by Elizabeth Gilmer with a 2nd by Dr. Goodman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Appeals Process Following Academic Exclusion or Learning Support Dismissal

An academic exclusion (GPA related) may be appealed each term prior to the exclusionary period to the Appeals Committee. The appeal form, available on the Office of the Registrar webpage, must be completed by the student stating the basis of the appeal and submitted to the Admissions and Records Appeals Committee, Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, two working days prior to the scheduled Admissions and Records Appeal meetings (see Academic Calendar). If the student's academic appeal request is granted he/she would be returned to Academic Probation and be required to carry at least a term 2.0 GPA during any subsequent semester until the cumulative GPA is 2.0 or above or face dismissal again.

Students dismissed under the new USG Learning Support Policy made effective fall 2012 (see learning support policies and procedures) may not appeal their one-year dismissal period any sooner than the year without proof of remediation which must be submitted to the committee along with the completed appeal form. If a student is approved to return before the end of the one year dismissal, he/she would be returned to their previous standing. If the appeal is denied, the student will not be allowed to return until the terms of the exclusionary period have expired and would be required to take our Compass Exam to determine his/her eligibility to return to EGSC. If their test score meets the minimum score requirement, he/she must complete a Former Student Application for readmission to the Office of the Registrar if they have not attended for two or more consecutive semesters.

As a part of being granted the appeal to return, the Committee may impose academic restrictions or requirements which must be adhered to by the student or risk termination of their classes and revocation of the granted appeal. The terms of the previous exclusion would then be enforced following the term of non-compliance and future appeals would not be considered. The student would be required to honor the terms of the exclusion. Students returning early from Learning Support (LS) Dismissal must enroll in all LS courses they have yet to satisfy and maybe allowed to take any other approved college-level course as part of their semester course load.

**Scholarship Procedures – President’s Choice Scholarship
Submitted for Discussion at July 31, 2012 Cabinet Meeting**

After much deliberation in trying to accomplish the best course of action with this \$3000 scholarship, we have come up with the following proposal – (keeping in mind that we are trying to reach students that are well qualified academically that are only being held back because of lack of funds)

There are approximately 700 students that have applied for fall that have not registered to attend an orientation session. We will use this pool as our group of potential scholarship winners.

We will contact each of these students, by mail and e-mail, informing them that a Presidential Choice Scholarship of \$1000 each has just been made available for 3 students entering EGSC for the first time this fall. This scholarship is only open to students that have not yet committed to EGCS. An application form will be sent with the letter.

To qualify for this one time scholarship, the students must

- a) Register for and attend orientation on August 2, 9, 13, or 14 – orientation registration must be received between the date of the letter and August 9.
- b) Have a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- c) Receive NO federal financial assistance.
- d) Complete and return the application before August 2, 2012.

All students that meet these criteria will be reviewed by the committee (Donald, Karen, Elizabeth, Cliff) and three applicants will be chosen as scholarship winners.

Elizabeth Gilmer

- 1. Single award for Fall semester \$1,000 per 3 recipients
- 2. Student required to complete application in order to be considered for scholarship

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SAP APPEALS COMMITTEE POLICY

Submitted for Discussion at July 31, 2012 Cabinet Meeting

Title – Changes to the Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeals Committee Policy

Proposal

The Cabinet is asked to consider and approve changes to the Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeals Committee Policy.

Background

At a scheduled meeting on July 18, 2012 the following changes were presented by the Director of Financial Aid and approved by the VP for Student Affairs and the Interim President.

- Set firm deadlines for receipt of appeals. (Appeals received after the deadline will be reviewed for the next term).
- Reduce the number of committee meetings- 2 per semester.
- Limit the number of times a student can appeal the reinstatement of their financial aid. (Students who are placed on suspension and their appeal to be placed on probation is denied or they fail to meet the conditions of the Academic Plan is ineligible until such time that they meet the minimum Satisfactory Academic Progress standards).
- The decision of the committee is not subject to further appeal

Implications

It has been determined that the implications to enrollment will be minimal. The excess appeals that we receive are those that have already been denied and have not made progress therefore, the subsequent appeals are denied. However, we will minimize the administrative burden by enacting the proposed changes.

PUBLICITY

The new policy will be communicated:

- Via email
- On the website

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SAP APPEALS COMMITTEE POLICY

- Financial Aid Information Sessions will be held in Swainsboro and Statesboro to make students aware of the changes to the policy.