

Curric Affairs Committee 22 October 2012 Agenda 9-10 am
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THIS WEEK AND FOLLOWING WEEKS: MEET AT REICHARDT 301

1. Approve minutes of last meeting

2. Suggested change to Syllabus policy....(from Curricular Review Committee):

“If the course includes project(s) which count for more than 20% of the grade, include general project description(s) and evaluation methods (e.g., rubric)”

This would be added to section #10 (see last page)

Are we ok with sending this on to the Admin Comm??

3. GERC-related issues

a. J Rosenberg call in at ~ 9:15 for brief report

b. new GERC business as required (?)

4. CONTINUING EFFORTS AT ADDRESSING THE ATHLETIC ABSENCE PROBLEM

The problem in a nutshell: UAF requires as a condition to athletic scholarships that students skip class. UAF consequently has a moral obligation to (a) not punish said students and (b) provide them with an education. Providing each team with tutors is a logical, but financially problematic, solution. Pretending that there really isn't a problem has been the historical substitute. . The current wording leaves much to be desired.

Athletic subcommittee has a couple of different versions in the works...here's one

Attendance Policy Language (proposed by Dept of Athletics and modified by DS & RN)

You are expected to attend class regularly. Class attendance policies are set by individual instructors.

If you are not in class, you are responsible

Attendance (CURRENT VERSION)

You are expected to attend classes regularly; unexcused absences may result in a failing grade. You must have prior written approval to miss the first class meeting or your instructor may drop you. You are responsible for conferring with your instructor concerning absences and the possibility of making up missed work.

If you are required to participate in either military exercises or UAF-sponsored activities that will cause you to miss class, you must notify your instructor(s) as soon as possible of your absence. You must notify your instructor(s) of all scheduled UAF-required absences for the semester (e.g., travel to athletic events) during the first week of classes.

You and your instructor will make a good-faith effort to make suitable arrangements to assure that you can make up classes and work you miss and are not penalized for your excused absence. If suitable arrangements cannot be made, you will be allowed to withdraw from the course without penalty. However, your instructor is under no obligation to allow you to make up missed work for unexcused