

Academics Committee Meeting Agenda  
February 3, 2020

Members: Lisa Anderson, Maggie Burggraaff, Tom Johnston, Joell Pundsack, Emily Graveen, Cheri Howe, Hannah Kostichka, Noah Langseth, John Gawrecki, Jen Heydt-Nelson, Wendell Sletten, Teresa Ward, Kirstin Knutson

1. WBWF (Tom)

Working toward multi-year goals rather than one year goals. The community meeting is scheduled for 2/11/20.

In the past ACT composite score was used to determine our students college readiness. There is a portion of the ACT that reports students readiness rather than composite scores, and we will use these in the future to determine our college readiness measurement.

We will keep our 100% graduation goal.

2. Students who go back in math or Spanish and they barely passed the first time, but if they fail when they go back the 2nd time, what goes on their transcript? (Lisa)

There is a student who is doing poorly in a class. They want him to move back one level, but the concern is he may earn a poorer grade than the first attempt at that course. The best grade is the one that will stay on his transcript, and it will be marked as an R for repeat.

3. Academic Eligibility (Lisa)

Issue: When to run eligibility reports for second semester?

Should each semester restart the beginning of the four week cycle for eligibility?

We are struggling with this right now. Should we use first semester grades in place of this, or should we wait two weeks to run the scores?

Our suggestion is to do both. This eligibility report will use first semester grades, but we will run eligibility again in two weeks which will be based off the first four weeks of second semester.

4. Modified Transcript Update (Lisa)

Working on answering questions

5. Reading intervention Update (Lisa)

ELA will be sharing the template with the teachers on 2/5

6. Revisit students who fail MS (not Spanish/Math)/summer recovery (Lisa) - I just have a question...

Tom will bring this data to the staff meeting for discussion.

7. Diverse Staff Recruitment Taskforce (John)

Met last month, and the postings will be revamped to offer a pathway for Tier 1 or Tier 2 licensure candidates to apply for jobs at MSA. There will be new language for our postings. We want to create an ad hoc hiring panel with parents who can help with the process of this. Next meeting 2/24/20 at 8:00.

8. Supplemental Online Learning Update

It will be scheduled later this week by Emily.

9. Academic agreements (Lisa)

John and Jesse are making changes which will be shared with the committee. Joell wants to give these to all students, not just new students.

10. GTTM Grants (Tom) 8:30

Some teachers emailed Tom to ask for their requests to be removed. Some can be funded through other means. Some teachers volunteered to reduce the amount they initially asked for. This grant is for teachers and staff, and the committee decided it should not be open to school groups.

Final decisions will be sent out by Tom.

Next Academics Committee Meeting: Monday, March 2 at 8:00 A.M., Room 12A