

Academics Committee Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2020

Members Present: Lisa Anderson, Maggie Burggraaff, Tom Johnston, Joell Pundsack, Emily Graveen, Cheri Howe, Hannah Kostichka, Noah Langseth, Teresa Ward, Kirstin Knutson, Angie Haverland, Tara Richert, Noelle Haland, Kassie Larson,

1. WBWF Update (Tom)
No update at this time.
2. Academic Eligibility 510.1 Extracurricular Eligibility (Lisa)
 - a. Update Language II.C
 - b. Current Language "Student grades will be checked every 5 weeks. Starting with the first grade check, students who have D or F grades will be ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activities and will receive notice of their ineligibility."
(Weeks 5, 10, and 15 of each semester) Send out the 10 week check as a "mid-semester" progress report to all families.
 - c. Based on this year, we should think about how to change this language, so it begins again in the 2nd semester. However, for year long classes, do we want to include their final grade from semester 1 as part of the eligibility? Or should we just let everyone start fresh in 2 Semester?
Should you stay on academic probation until the grade goes up for the whole course?
Should they have a start-over at the beginning of the semester?
Having a calendar of when grades are pulled would be helpful.
As a school, this policy supports MSA's belief that academics are our focus, not extracurriculars.
How many students does this affect? Are there that many kids in activities who end up on this list?
Is the information accurate? Is this information useful to the teachers and the students?
Some staff feel that D- or F should be what affects academic probation.
If we change the language of the policy, we need to look at who we're helping.
It is often helpful for kids in activities.
How many kids are impacted by activities and academic probation?
3. Modified Transcript Update (Lisa)
Working on corresponding the dates to correspond and line up?
4. Are there any Reading Intervention Question or Feedback? (Lisa)
A reminder at the PD on Friday would be nice. Implementation should happen by the end of March.
5. Revisit the 9th grade Math students who are not on track to graduate? (Lisa)
Working on these math skills or extra review in 9th grade seminar would be an option.
There are some practice skills that can be given.

Can they all take placement tests over the summer? Is there a cut off date? The math department is looking into this as a possibility. Should this only be for students who are not on track to graduate or first year to MSA students?

The new curriculum changes, there are more supports and scaffolds built in to help them move on. This could allow more new students to be successful.

Are there online courses that could help them prior to retaking the placement exams?

Emily is looking into it.

Could looking at the new 9th graders as a whole rather than an individual be helpful?

Should they be placed into the class their transcript says in an effort to keep them on track to graduate?

Should guidelines need to be determined by a taskforce? Who will take this on?

Taskforce should include others from the math department. Lisa will send out an email.

6. Diverse Staff Recruitment Taskforce (John)

There have been meetings, there will be an invitation out to parents to be apart of the hiring committee.

7. Supplemental Online Learning AKA Credit Recovery Update

Meeting 2/10 looked into the best school options.

The state says students can take up to 50% of their courses in place of MSA courses through the MDE online approved courses to meet state requirements for courses.

These courses must be deemed equivalent. This can be by the state.

Summer courses at schools nearby are being looked into.

This is only available to high school students and costs \$600 during the summer; it is free during the school year.

Departments should look over courses that Emily will share at the next department meeting on 4/1.

8. 3rd Fastbridge Testing is supposed to be done before spring break?

Kristin will share this date with the staff.

9. Educational Program Policy TF should start to meet about policies #613-620.

A meeting will be scheduled.

Next Academics Committee Meeting: Monday, April 6 at 8:00 A.M., Room 12A