SAL Committee Minutes November 28, 2018

In attendance: Naima, Tom, Doug, Julianne, Rich, Marianne, Johnathan Committee came to order at 4:15.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Demonstration Policy discussion:

A document coming from the demonstration policy dialogue was discussed. The document outlines the existing demonstration policy, and proposed changes to the policy.

Rich asked if there was any student feedback on this. Marianne talked to Dorian but at this time there is no substantive feedback.

Doug asked if the new document addressed the concerns of students. In addition, he asked for clarification of the document, it is to clarify the existing demonstration policy and not to propose a new policy.

Reminder: This is not a policy that SAL approves. We can forward recommendations or concerns with the policy.

Rich reported on an email from a faculty member regarding financial holds on student accounts; the concern is that this is another hurdle for a student who is already facing a challenge. The university often times knows in advance that students accounts are in arears and yet they wait until registration to tell students they cannot register for the next semester classes until they deal with the situation in some way. Julianne would like to see the University be more proactive in dealing with this sooner, but also being less aggressive in their communication with the students. Julianne suggested that this is not the purview of SAL.

Rich reported that he needed to get items on the agenda for the faculty meeting.

We reviewed the proposal from SAL to the common read group that Rich put together from our discussions that was sent out in an email dated Nov. 19th. Rich said that he would make final revisions to that proposal and send it to the committee for our review prior to sending on to Dave Berque. (proposal sent to Dave on 11/30)

Next meeting is scheduled for December 12th, at which time a new chair needs to be selected as Rich will be on sabbatical during the spring semester.

Meeting adjourned at 5:02.