

Middle Tennessee State University

Admissions and Standards Committee

Minutes

August 29, 2022

- Anne Anderson, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. in Cope 112.
- Roll call was given by Darlene Fults, Coordinator of Academic Affairs.

Members Present: Anne Anderson, Chair (BUS), Yuan-ling Chao (CLA), Luisa Mattos de Costa (Student Rep), Tammy Donham (CME), Mary Goncalves (Student Rep), MA Higgs (UC), Vajira Manathinga (CBAS), Katherine Mangione (COE), LaShonda Mims, and Kim Sadler (CBAS)

Ex-Officio Members Present: Amy Aldridge Sanford (Vice Provost for Academic Programs), Susan Myers-Shirk (True Blue Core), Rehab Ghazal (International Affairs) for Robert Summers, Laurie Witherow (Admissions and Enrollment Services)

Ex-Officio Members Absent: David Butler

Guest Present: Teresa Thomas

- Amy Aldridge Sanford, Vice Provost for Academic Programs, gave the charge (<https://www.mtsu.edu/policies/governance-and-compliance/032.php#Admissions%20and%20Standards>) to the committee for AY 2022-2023.
- **Anne Anderson reviewed protocol, which included:**
 - Proposals and agenda items must be received by the committee Chairperson at least 14 days prior to the meeting that it will be voted on.
 - At least 51% or 5 faculty members must be present to pass.
 - Ten days prior to the next scheduled meeting, the chairperson will send proposals and supporting materials to all members of the committee and college deans.
 - Other protocol can be found at <https://www.mtsu.edu/admin-std/protocol.php>.
- **Election of Vice-Chair and Secretary**
 - The Chair called for the motion and it was seconded to have Darlene Fults take minutes instead of electing a secretary of the committee for this academic year. That motion was approved.
 - Vice-Chair: Katherine “Kat” Mangione volunteered and was approved by the committee. Anne will request that Kat be renominated next year to the committee in order to serve as Chair during the 23-24AY.

➤ **New Business**

- Undergraduate Catalog: Advanced Standing
 - ✓ All catalog changes must be submitted to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee by mid-January.
 - ✓ Advanced Standing under consideration includes: Credit by exam: AP test; Cambridge International Exam; CLEP Exam; Dantes Subject Standardized Test; Credit for Freshman English; IB Credit; Cambridge International Examinations; and Dual Credit.
- Teresa Thomas shared a spreadsheet with MTSU student counts of those who have earned credit by special exam. Only MTSU students are included on the spreadsheet.
- Our task is to make sure all standards are up to date.
 - ✓ (Teresa) Our admissions process has a standard: they must accept other schools' completed general education blocks. We honor those from other TBR schools as well. Minimum scores from other schools is different than MTSU. In 2004, we had to honor that credit.
 - ✓ ACT credit, A/P scores, etc. We honor other schools' credit for that transfer student.
 - ✓ (Susan Myers-Shirk and Anne) Will we continue this for Gen Ed? Yes. These are accredited schools.
 - ✓ TN Board of Regents and LGI (locally governed institutions like MTSU
 - ✓ Dual enrollment students are not getting ENGL 1010 and 1020 credit due to language "and".
 - ✓ (Anne) Steve Severn is okay with us changing the language from "and" to "or"
 - ✓ Not just dual enrollment—transfer students, changing majors, etc.
- We will address all of it and start with Cambridge and Dantes: DSST Exams-The new Dantes is Get College Credit.com
 - ✓ Volunteer to see if this is legit by our next meeting (Vajir) will investigate.
 - ✓ (MA Higgs)Dante's has been important for veterans – consult with Military Center. (Anne) will check with Daniels Center.Advisors and (MA) Higgs will consult with University College
 - ✓ We do not accept ACE credit, but we do currently accept ACE military credit (Teresa Thomas)
- (Anne) presented a list of 12 peer institutions
 - ✓ UT Chatt and Knox (Tammy Donham)
 - ✓ Memphis and TN Tech (Yuan-ling Chao)
 - ✓ UAB Birmingham and Alabama (Kim Sadler)
 - ✓ Dantes (Vajira Manathunga)
 - ✓ CSCC, TBR, and Motlow (Kat Mangione)
 - ✓ Nashville State and Vol State (LaShonda Mims)
 - ✓ Everyone should research website (<https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/>) for A/P credit.
 - ✓ Chatt State and Pellissippi
 - ✓ WKU (Luisa Mattos de Costa)
 - ✓ For Cambridge-talk to your college peers to see if there are courses to be added (peer review).
- At the next meeting we'll focus on Cambridge and Dantes.

- (Teresa) Descriptions went out to Deans in the colleges for them to review to get their input on equivalency and content.
 - ✓ (Anne) Once we make suggested changes we will go to chair of chairs and get their input.
- Are we helping or hurting Gen Ed redesign? (Anne/Susan)
 - ✓ No. All courses will still be there. Should we add a column that says gen ed requirement in the catalog? We need to think about and discuss this for attracting students. Be clear about what they are getting credit for.
 - Look at Cambridge Assessment website—they have lots more exams than our list displays in the catalog.
 - Look at offering lump sum of credits. Belmont awards 24 hours of credit-Rehab for Robert Summers. I/B credit—Please summarize for future meetings

➤ Next Meetings/Schedule:

Monday, Sept 12

Monday, Oct 17

Monday, Dec 5

at 10:30 in CAB 112

- (Anne) CLEP and A/P will be longer discussions. We will start by talking about peer schools.
- (Kim and Anne) Framework for key things to look for as we're putting this information together. Anne will share on dropbox (there as of 8/29)

➤ The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m. by Anne Anderson, Chair.