ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 2, 2015

Member(s) Present: Berg, Creasy, de la Torre, Fitzpatrick, Landeira, Smith.
Absent Member(s) with Alternate: Eastin (Abera), Wilson (de la Torre).
Member(s) Absent: Barnhart, Burgett, Clark/Zimmerman, Couch, Schaffer, Straw, Wiegand.

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of the agenda/February 16, 2015 minutes
The agenda was approved unanimously as presented.
The February 16, 2015 minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

Chair Report/Announcements
Landeira encouraged Committee members to attend the HLC Information Fair on Wednesday (2:00-4:00 p.m.).
A summary of the UNC Self-Study is available on the HLC site at www.unco.edu/hlc
Graduate Council (Wiegand)
The Graduate Council met on February 19th. The main discussion item was doctoral progress reports and how they are being handled across campus in different programs. Progress reports are to be completed each year until the doctoral student completes his or her orals. The progress report contains multiple items including the student’s self-evaluation, student grades, performance ratings from instructors for all graduate courses for that year, and an assessment of the student’s professional development from appropriate faculty. While the completion of the progress reports is the responsibility of the programs, the Graduate Council is looking at the reporting lines of the reports and working to try to simplify that part of the progress.
Liberal Arts Council (Fitzpatrick): No report.
Professional Education Council: No report.
Undergraduate Council (Smith): No report.

Special Reports
Unfinished Business
Major/Minor Credits
The Committee discussed minor requirements outlined on the Registrar’s site
http://www.unco.edu/regrec/Current%20Students/MajorMinor.html
“To receive a minor, you are required to complete a minimum of six (6) upper division UNC credits (300-400 level) in that minor”).
Landeira asked the Committee to review the information on the Registrar’s site regarding major/minor requirements. Discussion will continue at the March 23rd meeting.
The Committee also discussed the implementation of Degree Works. Landeira asked Committee members to follow up with their colleagues regarding any discrepancies. Discussion will continue at the March 23rd meeting.
PVA Memo: Discussion will continue when Hapcic is present.
Student Code of Conduct
The Committee will continue discussion after correspondence is received from the Dean of Students Office (procedure language regarding cheating). Landeira welcomed additional questions for the Dean of Students.
The Committee discussed whether or not the Grade Forgiveness or Course Repeat policies can be used for cases of academic dishonesty. Discussion will continue at the March 23rd meeting.

Pending APC/Senate Business
Class Scheduling Alternatives
RE: Senate Resolution (September 15, 2015)
Resolution of the Faculty Senate (moved by the Academic Policies Committee). The Faculty Senate
resolves that the Provost constitute a body charged with investigating the advantages and disadvantages of a variety of class scheduling alternatives.

The Committee will follow up on the timeline for the resolution action.

65/35 Designation of Prime Time Courses

Pending Senate Action 1048:

MOTION: The Executive Committee recommends approval of an amendment to the specification of prime time courses hours:

Courses between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. are considered prime time.

The Committee will follow up on the progress of this action.

Additional Discussion Items

10 year Rule for Course Credit

de la Torre asked for additional clarification of implementation dates (for advisors) regarding the 10 Year Rule for Course Credit (Senate Actions 1082 and 1083).

1082: INFORMATION ITEM: The Academic Policies Committee informed the Faculty Senate that the following language will be placed in the University catalog regarding 10 year course credit acceptance. (Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE) mandated language). This language will accompany the language outlined in Senate Action 1083.

A student’s credit for the completion of the core requirements (LAC 1-6) and core courses shall not expire for ten years from the date of initial enrollment and shall be transferable.

1083: MOTION: The Academic Policies Committee recommends approval of the following amendment to the current catalog language to clarify 10 year course credit acceptance. This language will accompany the State mandated language outlined in Senate Action 1082.

Course credit earned 10 years before the baccalaureate degree is to be granted. In addition, courses other than those noted above that were earned up to ten years prior to enrollment at UNC may be applicable toward the UNC degree at the discretion of the academic program for the course subject matter that offers the equivalent course at UNC.

Current Catalog Location/Language:  

Graduation Check

de la Torre would like to increase communication regarding petitions for waivers when a graduate check is inaccurate.

New Business

Comments to the Good of the Order

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.