

ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

Monday, November 10, 2025
2:30p.m. | Campus Commons 2300

Present: Chapin, Cieminski, Garrett, Gershwin, Heiny, Karlin, Leatherman, Leonard, Muller, Newman, Trask

Zoom: Couch, Mannello, Paytoe Gbayee, Roberts

Absent: Etheridge-Woodson, Han,

Call to Order 2:30

Approval of the Agenda approved

Approval of the October 27, 2025, meeting minutes approved

Announcements/Chair's Report: The revised graduate school policy has been reviewed and revised by Codification, it will be sent to Senate for either the 12/8 meeting or 1/20 meeting.

Reports from Councils

Graduate Council (Cieminski) – Graduate Council has not met since last the last APC meeting.

Liberal Arts Council (Muller) – The LACouncil met on 11-4-25 and made headway on a variety of projects. We approved SPAN 100 for inclusion in the LACurriculum since the criteria for AH4/LAA4 category courses has been changed to allow 100 level language courses. We reinstated ENG 300 and 141 after updating their syllabi post final ISR review. Muller, Wood, and Bebee met with those associated with BA 205 and followed up on direct assessment as well as potential CO2-CO3 conversion. We will continue with course approvals at our 11-18-25 meeting. The assessment sub-committee met on 11/8 to begin discussion of a framework for challenge exams for gTP course, which at UNC are all LAC courses.

Professional Education Council (Paytoe Gbayee) – There is confusion regarding curriculum deadlines. PEC was told the deadline was January 5th, while Jennifer Cherico communicated a deadline of December 1st. PEC only has one meeting remaining, and several courses have not yet reached workflow, which means the curriculum cannot be completed in time. Some programs are having to shift internal plans, and certain internal decision-making processes are constraining PEC's ability to move items forward.

- Cieminski shared that the College of Education Council's agenda is currently full, which may limit immediate progress, however, there may be allies within the college who could assist in addressing the issue.
- Newman emphasized the importance of meeting with Etheridge-Woodson to gain a clearer understanding of the proposed changes.
- Leatherman noted that NHS sets its own internal deadlines, yet submissions often arrive at the last minute. She suggests establishing earlier deadlines to improve the workflow.

Undergraduate Council (Karlin) – College representatives identified student speakers for the Fall Commencement Ceremony. UGC is meeting tomorrow and will be revising the Undergraduate Commencement Speaker communication email and process.

Student Government Association (Baxter) – No report

Special Reports

Special Order

New Business

1. S/U Grading Policy

- a. S/U Grading Policy Suggested Addition (document linked [here](#)): *The S/U grading policy supersedes program level grade requirements where pre-requisites are above a letter grade of "C-".*
- b. Note for Nursing: From Nursing: S/U grades may have an impact on eligibility for graduate school, or *professional school or licensure programs such as nursing.*

→ Suggested changes: [S-U Grading Option Proposed Changes.docx](#)

- A student will need to retake the course if they change their major to one that requires a letter grade instead of S/U.
 - It was suggested to remove some redundancy and add language that implicitly states students will be required to retake the course if circumstances change.
- Members asked whether a statement regarding withdrawing instead of choosing S/U should be included.
 - This could be addressed as general guidance rather than codified in policy.
 - There was concern about encouraging withdrawal, which may not be appropriate.
- If approved proposed implementation will be for Fall 2026
 - Couch clarified that once this policy is implemented in Fall 2026, it will apply to every student.
 - Since this is a university wide policy, changes will apply to everyone regardless of the catalog year the applied for S/U grading.
- The committee agreed that it would be beneficial to ensure this information is clearly communicated to students and advisors.
 - Couch confirmed that advisors and students would be notified accordingly.
- MOTION: Leatherman moves to accept changes, seconded by Chapin
- VOTE: Motion approved unanimously

2. Report and Recommendations of the Artificial Intelligence Task Force

See → [UNC AI Task Force Report June 2025.pdf](#)

- a. Syllabus Guidelines on Student Use of AI
 - b. AI Policy Integration Review
- Discuss the suggested next steps to address the AI Task Force Recommendations

- There are three policies Faculty Senate is responsible for changing:
 - AI Use syllabus Statements
 - Undergraduate Catalog – plagiarism policy
 - Faculty Evaluation, Promotion, and tenure (Faculty Welfare Committee will make revisions)
- Statements could be similar to the CETL syllabus statement and will go into the catalog.

- Cieminski recommends not giving options and instead recommended requiring that statements meet certain defined criteria.
 - With AI continuously changing, she noted that restricting the policy to examples could quickly become outdated.
- Newman shared that last year's proposed revision was not approved because it did not capture a moving target of AI and risked becoming outdated.
 - She recommends removing it from the Plagiarism section and being careful of how the policy is written.
 - Cieminski did clarify the AI proposal was specific to comprehensive exams, dissertation, and scholarly projects which may not have been sufficiently clear about what the policy did and did not cover.
 - It was noted that President Feinstein seemed to be in support of AI in programs unless stated otherwise.
- Members were in favor of working with administration on this because it allows faculty to have something in place when it comes to graduate programs and their summative projects.

Unfinished Business

- Request: Revise Academic Standing Language from “*Academic Probation*” to “*Academic Standing Warning*”
 - APC Motioned and approved to change “*Academic Probation*” to “*Academic Warning*”
 - APC Sent tracked/suggested changes to Codification 10/7/25
 - Codification reviewed and suggested changes to the academic standing language. See [Academic Standing Change-COD 10-8-25.docx](#)
 - Waiting for a response from Division of Student Academic Success
- **New Micro-Credential Committee (MCC):** ([folder with documents](#))
 **Resources about establishing university micro-credentials in the sub-folder ([Micro-credential Resources](#))

New Business (11/24/25)

- **Academic Appeal Procedure Policy request forthcoming** → 11/24/25 APC Meeting
 - **Tom Endres will attend the next meeting for further discussion**

Comments to the Good of the Order

Gershwin recommended using Speechify to read documents back to you!

Adjournment 3:33pm

Tracy Gershwin
Chair