

ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

Monday, February 2, 2026
2:30 p.m. | UC Council Room

Present: Borum, Chapin, Cieminski, Etheridge-Woodson, Garrett, Gershwin, Karlin,
Leatherman, Mannello, Newman, Paytoe Gbayee, Trask
Zoom: Han, Heiny, Roberts, Wood
Absent: Leonard

Call to Order 2:32pm

Approval of the Agenda approved without objection

Approval of the January 20, 2026, meeting minutes approved without objection

Announcements/Chair's Report:

1. There will be two Senate motions for a vote on behalf of APC today:
 - Proposal to Adjust Full-Time and Part-Time Enrollment in Graduate Programs
 - S/U Grading Policy
2. [AI syllabus policy](#) is under review with codification (sent to codification 1/20/26)

Reports from Councils:

Graduate Council (Cieminski) – The Graduate Council have been looking at adjusting the credits for accelerated programs, it is very restrictive currently and the council will be thinking of increasing the number of credits. Newman attended the last meeting to discuss dual numbered courses and clarify current policy. Received low cap of how many courses a student can take based on undergraduate program that will count towards accelerated program.

Liberal Arts Council (Wood) – No report. The Liberal Ars Council will have their first meeting tomorrow.

Professional Education Council (Paytoe Gbayee) – PEC has more curriculum rolling through.

The council will have a larger conversation regarding workflow with Etheridge-Woodson.

Paytoe Gbayee will reach out to Lee regarding membership

Undergraduate Council (Karlin) – No report. UGC will be meeting next week.

Student Government Association (Baxter) – No report

Special Reports:

Special Order:

Continued Business:

1. Policy Recommendations of the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Task Force

- See **AI APC Policy folder** for all related documents: [AI Policies](#)
- **APC Responsibilities:**
 - a. Review most recent AI Syllabus Guidelines on Student Use of AI
[AI syllabus policy](#) is under review with codification (sent to codification 1/20/26)

- b. **To Do:** Review Undergrad/Graduate catalogs re: Student Code of Conduct/plagiarism policy to ensure it is aligned with AI policy and AI taskforce recommendations.
- **Review UNCO Student Code of Conduct:** [UNCO Student-Code-of-Conduct.pdf](#)
P. 6 states: “unauthorized use of Artificial Intelligence (AI). The use or attempted use of written content, images, tables, references, music or musical scores, or data generated by artificial intelligence (AI) tools that are not permitted by the instructor or University Official.”
 - There was discussion about the distinction between “AI” and “GenAI” and whether to insert “GenAI” to remain consistent throughout the policy.
 - It was clarified that the term “AI” encompasses all forms of artificial intelligence, including generative
 - Language will remain the same.
 - Members noted that there is both pushback and support regarding the use of AI.
 - Concerns were raised about the challenges faculty may face whether they choose to teach with AI or not.
 - It was emphasized that faculty have the opportunity to clearly indicate what is and is not encouraged in their courses.
 - The toolkit can be used as a resource that provides guidance on how faculty can communicate their expectations.
 - It was shared that an institutional learning objective will require students to demonstrate AI literacy.
 - **Review UNCO Graduate Catalog Plagiarism- AI Policy** for AI additions/edits: [GRADUATE CATALOG 2025-2026: Plagiarism - Generative Artificial Intelligence Policy](#)
 - Senate Action 1272: Generative AI policy for Graduate Students was returned to Senate for further clarification last year.
 - Comment from Jennifer Almquist: Andy understands that it is becoming more common for universities to have such policies and is not rejecting the idea of the policy itself. He would like to hear additional discussion about what is being done elsewhere and what will work best for UNC and is then open to reconsidering a revised version.
 - Since the committee has already made revisions last year, that proposal should move forward.
 - **Review UNCO Plagiarism- Student Policies and Procedures** for AI additions/edits: [UNCO Plagiarism- Student Policies and Procedures.docx](#)

Goal: Complete all AI work (syllabi statement and university policy reviews) by March 2026

2. Thomas Endres, Academic Appeal Chair to present and discuss the following two requests:
- APC to revise the Academic Appeal Procedure in Board Policy Manual 2-1-201
 - APC to revise the Academic Appeal committee membership in Board Policy Manual 2-1-201

- Endres presented to APC 1/20/26
- Harmony and Tracy will meet to discuss next steps.

Note: Based on my notes and the drafted policies, this has been ongoing since 2024,
See [Academic Appeal Procedure COD 2-26-25 .docx](#)

Unfinished Business:

1. Request: Revise Academic Standing Language from “*Academic Probation*” to “*Academic Standing Warning*”
 - APC Motioned and approved to change “*Academic Probation*” to “*Academic Warning*.” On 10/7/25
 - 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](#)
 - T. Gershwin will meet with Stephanie Torrez early Spring 2026, AVP for the Division of Student Academic Success
 - The committee discussed two possible options moving forward:
 - (1) moving the proposal forward to the Senate, as the committee has the authority to do so
 - (2) making additional time to further review the recommendation and address the Registrar’s concerns.
 - Heiny noted that graduate programs already use "academic warning" language, and that updating the catalog would require more than simple find-and-replace.
 - Members noted that research has been conducted and that the committee has a strong understanding of the proposal. Despite Codification’s feedback, the committee agreed to move the proposal forward, further explanation can be provided if needed.
 - Members acknowledged the significant amount of work that has gone into this and expressed support for advancing it.
 - The proposal to Revise Academic Standing Language from “*Academic Probation*” to “*Academic Standing Warning*” will move forward to Faculty Senate.

Comments to the Good of the Order
Adjournment 3:27pm

Tracy Gershwin
Chair