

ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

Monday, April 6, 2026
2:30 p.m. | UC Council Room

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

Call to Order 2:35pm
Approval of the Agenda
Approval of the March 23, 2026, meeting minutes

Announcements/Chair's Report:

Reports from Councils:

Graduate Council (Cieminski) – The Graduate Council approved a policy about graduate transfer credits that will be brought to APC soon.
Liberal Arts Council (Wood) – The Liberal Art Council continues to do Indirect Syllabus Reviews and is working on an LAC pathway that are offered fully online.
Professional Education Council (Paytoe Gbayee) – The Professional Education Council is cleaning up their faculty list
Undergraduate Council (Karlin) – Undergraduate Council meets next week.
Student Government Association (Baxter) – No report

Continued Business:

- 1. College of Osteopathic Medicine Proposals: ([COMS Policies](#) Folder)**
4 Policies Voted by APC completed by 5/30/26 at 5 p.m.:
 - Policy 1. Grade Appeal Policy – Passed (10 Yes/0 No)
 - Policy 2: Grading Policy – Passed (10 Yes/0 No)
 - Policy 3: Remediation, Re-Examination, and Make-Up Exam – Passed (9 Yes/1 No)
 - Policy 4: Academic Dishonesty Policy – Passed (10 Yes/0 No)
 - All 4 Policies passed
 - The Provost's office reviewed/clarified the 4 policies for the Senate motion.
 - **Next Steps:** All proposed new COMs policies passed and sent to the Senate for the first reading on 4/6/26, with COMS representative Dr. Gareth Gingell present to address any questions.
- 2. Artificial Intelligence (AI) Task Force Policy Recommendations ([AI Policies](#) folder):**
 - (a) [AI syllabus policy](#) voted down by the senate (3/23/26):**

Proposed Policy Statement: Every UNC syllabus must include a Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) syllabus statement that communicates course-specific expectations for encouraged, conditional, or prohibited GenAI use.

Next Steps: Proposed resolution to present to the Senate 4/20/26

- APC completed the catalog reviews, need to revisit considering the senate vote:
 - 1). Student Code of Conduct: [UNCO Student-Code-of-Conduct.pdf](#):
- NOTE: “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.**
- 2). Reviewed UNCO Graduate Catalog Plagiarism- AI Policy for AI additions/edits: [GRADUATE CATALOG 2025-2026: Plagiarism - Generative Artificial Intelligence Policy](#)
- NOTE: “Generative Artificial Intelligence Policy As the culminating examinations in subject proficiency or work of academic writing and research produced by a student in fulfillment of the requirements of a doctoral, specialist, or master’s degree program, a comprehensive exam, dissertation, doctoral scholarly project, or thesis is expected to be the student’s original work. A student must not submit a comprehensive examination, dissertation, or thesis that contains written content, images, tables, references, music or musical scores, or data generated by artificial intelligence (AI) tools, unless:
 - **Such content is permitted by the student’s departmental or college AI policies;**
 - Generative AI use is an approved accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act;
 - A student’s thesis or dissertation includes research on generative AI with examples clearly identified as examples and cited appropriately.
- Members expressed mixed views on developing an AI-related resolution.
- Wood asked whether it would be appropriate to move forward in coordination with the task force.
 - A resolution can be a way to reflect the work of the task force, with a statement grounded in research and data.
- A question was raised about establishing a default policy; however, it was noted that the default would be that AI use is allowed.
- It was emphasized that the world is changing and institutions need to adapt. It was also noted that students are requesting a clear, written statement.
- Concerns were raised that some faculty may interpret this as a violation of academic freedom.
- Pairing a resolution with a template was suggested to be helpful.
- It was noted that the inclement weather policy that was discussed a few years ago had far less debate compared to AI-related discussions.
- Members proposed a resolution that includes red, yellow, and green options that can be revisited next year.

- Leatherman emphasized including language that stated no formal university policy currently exists.
 - Gershwin will add the note clarifying that no official university policy currently exists.
- Members asked about where the resolution would be housed.
 - Possibilities include linking it within syllabus content on the CETL website or featuring it in a newsletter.

Special Order:

- **Academic Policies Committee Officer Nominations**
 - Elections will be held at the next meeting on 4/20/26
 - Taking nominations and votes at next meeting.

New Business:

- [University of Northern Colorado Assistant Policy](#) (Dr. Keith Humphrey, VP Student Affairs)
- There is currently no existing language for this, and it is unclear where this process or definition should start.
- There are varying expectations, as well as potential liability concerns, it was suggested to get feedback from General Counsel English
 - Gershwin will send the language to General Counsel English for feedback.
- The term “assistance” may not be appropriate in this context and the term “affiliate” cannot be used, since it is already a defined position within the Board Policy Manual.
- Keith is open to suggestions.

Old Business on Hold:

1. S/U Grading Policy Proposed Modifications.

- See the revised document [S_U Grading \(CLEAN 2_2026\).docx](#)
- [S_U Grading \(OLD Version\).docx](#)
- [S_U Grading \(MARKED REVISIONS 2_26\).docx](#)

2. Graduate Council/Graduate School:

- [Grad Proposal Cross Numbered - Newman.pdf](#)
- Waiting for more information from the Graduate School for the 4/20/26 senate vote

Comments to the Good of the Order

Adjournment 3:45pm

Tracy Gershwin, APC Chair