

2024 - 2025 UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL

March 11, 2025| 3:30pm

UC Council Room

MINUTES

Present: Couch, Finley, Karlin, Larson, Matchett, Moore

Zoom: Clavir, James, Sedinger

Absent: du Bray, Gottlieb, Guetler, Muralmanohar, Wiegand, Zimmerman

Call to Order 3:34pm

Approval of Agenda approved without objection

Approval of Minutes from February 11, 2025, approved with the suggested changes

Chair's Report/Announcements (Larson) – The Academic Policies discussed the four-day finals schedule and working on the graduate school AI policy. We will need to determine the structure of the council at the next meeting.

Reports from Councils

LAC (Matchett) – LAC approved and endorsed the foundation skills award. It will be a transcript designation reward that should be able to roll out by next spring according to the registrar.

Assessment Council (Finley) – No report

Special Reports

New Business

- Student Commencement Speaker selection – Matchett
 - The work done this year has increased the number of applications by 600%.
 - UGC reviews the top choices from each college to assess their alignment with UNC's vision and determine if any reconsideration is needed.
 - As a result, UGC approved the top choices from each college and will proceed with submitting them to Anna's office.
 - Students who have applied will have the opportunity to be featured in other areas related to graduation.
 - Next steps:
 - Determine deadlines for Fall 25 and Spring 26
 - Anna will be reaching out with proposed dates.
 - Sedinger has proposed criteria that can be discussed at a future meeting.
 - It was suggested to add the Graduation Commencement Speaker Deadline to the Commencement timeline.
 - That will be possible to add, Clavir will have to reach out to Anna to determine those deadlines.
- Schulze Chair (re) appointment – Matchett
 - The Schulze Chair (Re)Appointment plan was approved at the last UGC meeting and members were encouraged to inform their units of this opportunity.

- No had responded about their interest in being the Schulze chair and Corrine Wieben has expressed her willingness to continue as Shulze chair.
 - Corrine Wieben will be reappointed as Schulz Chair.
- Academic Probation Policies Changes – Mikay Elliott
 - Lee will reach out to her.

Unfinished Business

- Narrative Grade Comment – Charlie/Registrar's Office
 - Feedback from legal counsel:
 - Adding comments presents a low liability risk
 - If comments are allowed, faculty should receive clear guidance.
 - Couch can draft guidance language if the feature remains.
 - At a minimum faculty must know that discrimination is not tolerated.
 - It is unknown how much faculty currently use the feature.
 - Most faculty use the auto-import feature and may not be aware of this option.
 - Matchett noted that faculty have multiple ways to communicate with students, making this feature unnecessary.
 - Several members are in favor of removing the feature.
 - MOTION: Moore motions to remove the feature of the Narrative Grade Comment since faculty have other means of communication with students, seconded by Karlin.
 - VOTES: Approved unanimously.
- Undergraduate certificate inquiry – Residence requirements
 - Under current policy – student that has been enrolled here and had no residential
 - APC recommends a stronger residency requirement
 - This item has been completed and will be removed from the agenda.

Comments to the Good of the Order

Adjournment 4:12pm