

2025 - 2026 UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL

September 9, 2025 | 3:30pm

UC Council Room

MINUTES

Present: Clavir, Cosio, Etheridge-Woodson, James, Karlin, Muralimanohar, Spivak-Perna

Zoom: du Bray, Epperson, Harris, Sedinger

Absent: Guetler, Pepmeyer, Sonnentag

Guest: Mikay Elliot, Stephanie Torres

Call to Order 3:30pm

Approval of Agenda – James motions to approve the agenda with the correction of “Lucile”, seconded by du Bray – motion approved unanimously

Approval of Minutes from April 8, 2025 – James motions to approve the minutes, seconded by Spivak-Perna – motion approved unanimously

Chair’s Report/Announcements (Karlin) – The Academic Policies Committee discussed mandatory syllabus statements, the integration of the College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM) faculty, catalog templates and review of concentrations, and the amorous relations policy. Faculty Senate has a policy check out proposal that is being reviewed by codification. The General Counsel shared information on Compliance Policy Changes regarding Colorado Senate Bill 25-276. Beth Longenecker, College of Medicine Dean, shared updates regarding the COM.

Reports from Councils

LAC (Etheridge-Woodson) – LAC Summer Projects – The Liberal Arts Council denied three student exception requests, working on clarity around ELED transfer of ELIT 290. Continued work on Foundational Skills Award and Website update. We sent out direct assessment follow-up memo and worked with AVPUGS on documentation around a course release for chair which was submitted to and accepted by the provost. OIRE piloted Student Indirect Assessment Survey. We had our first meeting of 25-26 on 8/26. We passed an update to our bylaws that provides more detail on the responsibilities of the LAC chair to match current practice. For most of the meeting we focused on assessment and talking through what we needed to do for the year to continue enacting the entirety of our assessment plan. Indirect Syllabus Review (ISR) memos should come out on Friday of this week.

Assessment Council (Sonnentag) – No report

Special Reports

New Business

- Representative to the M. Lucile Harrison Award Committee
 - Self-nominee – Nancy Karlin
- Academic Probation Policies Changes – Mikay Elliott

- There is currently no policy preventing students from taking summer courses while on various levels academic probation.
 - They have seen students who are academically suspended over the summer for one academic course.
- She would also like to propose the implementation of registration pin requirements for any student on academic probation for summer registration.
 - Not to prevent them from taking summer course but to encourage them to speak with an advisor before registering.
 - The turnaround time for a student to submit a suspension appeal for summer term is three days.
- In addition, Elliot proposes revisions to policies related to academic probation, following research and persistent patterns in student success.
 - Institutions including CSU, CU Boulder, and MSU have made this shift.
- There have been connotations to the word “probation” and students find it confusing.
 - Through informal surveys and opportunities to give feedback, majority of students do not like the term “probation.”
- She is proposing to revise the term “Academic Probation” to “Academic Standing Warning”
 - This change will match the descriptor of “academic standing”
 - The proposed terminology would align similarly with the Graduate School language, who uses “Academic Warning”
- Current academic standing codes are as follows,
 - Academic Probation Semester 1
 - Academic Probation Continued
 - If the student is still on academic probation after the first semester
- James asked summer term counts as a semester.
 - Elliot clarified that it does count as a semester.
- They have found that some students taking summer classes end up in dire situations.
- The goal is to make sure they have a targeted and informative conversation on the pros and cons of taking summer course in their situation.
- The interim term is not included due to its condensed structure and because students may not be adequately prepared for it.
- James raised concern about timing. If students learn they are on academic probation at the end of the spring term, after registration for summer courses they miss the opportunity to discuss their academic standing with advisors before beginning summer classes.
 - The policy change will not catch every case, but advisors are still guided to have those conversations.

- Clavir shared that the creations of pins are an automated process, however with the implementation of SAS, it'll go back to a manual process.
 - He asked if they would be open to other possibilities in addressing these issues, which Elliot confirmed that they are.
- It was noted that students often do not understand deadlines until they experience them in practice.
- Advisors will also discuss S/U grading for summer courses now that it is an option.
- Etheridge-Woodson asked if the title was workshopped with students or just advisors?
 - Elliot shared that feedback was collected from students. Those in their first semester of academic probation were able to provide input through a Canvas shell.
 - Students that did respond preferred a name other than “academic probation”
- It was agreed that this policy is student focused.
- MOTION: Spivak-Perna motions to approve the implementation of pins for summer course registration and the revisions of the term “Academic Probation” to “Academic Standing Warning”, seconded by du Bray.
- VOTE: Approved with 8 in favor and 1 abstention
- Undergraduate Speakers Fall 2025 Graduations
 - Applications will be open at the end of the week, with a deadline two weeks after.
 - UGC will be receiving applications for review based on college
 - This has not been posted on the graduation website yet
 - Members are encouraged to connect with deans advertising the opportunity to be an undergraduate speaker this semester.
 - Anna Geen may have language to assist with outreach.

Unfinished Business

Comments to the Good of the Order

Adjournment James motions to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cosio – meeting adjourned at 4:25pm