

ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 17, 2023
2:30p.m. | UC Council Room
Minutes

Present: Allen, Benedict, Cieminski, Couch, Levin, Matchett, Muller, Parker, Senbet, Welsh, Wieben

Absent: Jensen, Leonard, Mahovsky

Guests: None

Call to Order

The meeting called to Order @ 2:38pm.

Approval of the Agenda

No objections, agenda approved.

Approval of the December 5, 2022 meeting minutes

No objections, meeting minutes approved.

Announcements/Chair's Report (Levin) None.

Reports from Councils:

Graduate Council (Cieminski) GC has not met yet this year. 799 still in Codification.

Liberal Arts Council (Matchett) LAC has not met yet. All courses approved, except for one.

Professional Education Council (Mahovsky) No report.

Undergraduate Council (Welsh) UGC met first Tuesday of Spring semester. UGC is working on parameters and minimum criteria for Canvas use. Discussion about UNC using chat & AI use in future?

Student Senate (Jensen) No report.

Special Reports

Unfinished Business:

• **S/U Grading Option Policy** (back from Codification) – Review changes made by Codification.
DISCUSSION:

- Issues with some programs that have prerequisites with grades higher than a C-. This might convince programs to drop lowest acceptable grade to C-.

- Note that a grade of C- with a professor of one class, could be a grade of C with a different professor, depending on their grading scheme. Departments with higher prerequisite requirements can adjust their grading schemes to compensate.
- Another loophole would be for a student to re-take a pre-requisite class at a community college and transfer a better grade to UNC to get into next level class. Registrar's Office will have to manually monitor student S/U registrations and applications as well as historic credits (labor intensive).
- Registrar's Office would like to offer an impact statement prior to launch due to work intensity of S/U grading option.
- Codification made suggestions to the area of catalog language on computing GPA, which only needs the addition of an S-. Decided to leave original language for now, and take up improving language at a later date.

MOTION:

Accept modified policy and send to Senate (Parker, Benedict second)
Approved unanimously by voice vote.

New Business

- Discuss Distinction between Department and a School – not discussed
- Admissions Policy Changes – not discussed

Comments to the Good of the Order

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned @ 3:48pm.

Oscar Levin
Chair

Nina Phillips
Recording Secretary