

ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

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

Present: Allen, Benedict, Cieminski, Darschewski (Pettorino), Heiny (Couch), Levin, Leonard, Mahovsky, Matchett, Parker, Senbet, Welsh, Wesley

Present via Zoom: Muller, Wieben, Wood

Absent: None

Guests: None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order @ 2:32pm.

Approval of the Agenda

Added Core Initiative and Grade Replacement policies to New Business. No objections, agenda approved.

Approval of the January 17 2023 meeting minutes

No objections, meeting minutes approved.

Announcements/Chair's Report (Levin): S/U Grading is policy going to Faculty Senate today.

Reports from Councils:

Graduate Council (Cieminski): Looking at 799 again today. Working on credit transfer policy, clarifying language, credit eligibility and mental health resources available.

Liberal Arts Council (Muller): First LAC meeting is Weds, 2/7; working on indirect assessment - Year 2 with rereview of courses from Year 1 and continued articulation of direct assessment process.

Professional Education Council (Mahovsky): Curriculum changes have slowed down, now gearing up for authorization. Need to incorporate additional standards in to current courses.

Undergraduate Council (Welsh): First meeting was 1/10. ROTC aerospace minor and military minors endorsed by UGC. Canvas sub-committee to propose minimal use standards has been created, looking at the differences between online vs. on campus.

Student Senate (Darschewski): Establishing new constitution and presenting to Board of Trustees. Will be reevaluating Bylaws.

Special Reports: None.

Unfinished Business:

- **799 Dissertation and 699 Thesis Credits policy** – Back from Codification.
 - Wesley commented: “Occupational medicine, physical therapy doctoral programs, are good examples of when research is geared toward practice.”
 - First sentence under Doctoral Dissertation changed to: “All doctoral programs require either a doctoral dissertation or Doctoral Scholarly Project (DSP) pertaining to a significant topic in the candidate’s major.”
 - Added word “hours” after word “credit” in all instances.
 - Changed “necessary” to “required” in all instances.
 - Discussion of actual content of 799 credit courses, definition of “completed” vs. “work associated with.”
 - Changed sentence back to: “*Work associated with* 799 credits completed prior to candidacy must directly apply to the dissertation.”
 - Discussion of requirement post candidacy in content courses: one credit hour meeting program requirements vs. one credit hour 799.
 - Discussion of half-time vs full time (for 799 only).
 - For sentence starting with: “After advancing to doctoral candidacy,” added: “and the only courses remaining are 799, if a student takes only dissertation (799) credits in a given semester, a full-time load is defined as a minimum of three credit hours and a half time load is defined as one credit hour.”
 - Committee is agreeable to moving paragraph starting with “Students enrolled in programs requiring a doctoral scholarly project (i.e., AuD., or D.N.P)” to a different area in document.
 - Levin will work with graduate school to clarify full-time/part-time load requirements after student advances to candidacy and bring changes back to committee.

New Business

- **Admissions Policy Changes**
 - Reviewed language changes regarding deferral, clarifying language, notated reasons for deferment have been omitted.
 - Question about sentence: “The deadline to confirm enrollment and request deferral is the last business day before the first day of classes for the term the student was originally admitted.”
 - Levin will work with Erika to determine if this is an intended policy change and bring back.
- **CORE Initiative**
 - Clarification that UNC “awards but does not offer” associates degrees.
 - Changed “Student eligibility details” to “Minimum criteria include:”
 - Reviewed Eligibility section, changed “the four year institution” to UNC.
 - Levin to clean up CORE language in consultation with Matchet and then send to Codification.

- **Grade Replacement Policy**

DISCUSSION: Changed sentence: “The course must not be designated repeatable for credit in the current catalog ~~Exceptions only include~~ **unless it is a** variable title courses-repeated under the same course prefix, number, and title.”

- Title vs. sub-title of courses.

MOTION: Approve policy and send to senate (Benedict), seconded (Welsh).

VOTE: Approved by voice vote

- University Closure during Final's Week policy: Not discussed.
- Discuss Distinction between Department and a School: Not discussed.

Comments to the Good of the Order: None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:49pm.

Oscar Levin
Chair

Nina Phillips
Recording Secretary