

ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

Monday, October 10, 2022
2:30p.m. | UC Council Room
MINUTES

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

Absent: Mahovsky, Wieben

Guests: Lyons

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:32

Approval of the Agenda

Last item of New Business (799 policy) moved to the top of the agenda by Levin
Approved without objection

Approval of the September 26, 2022 meeting minutes

Approved without objection

Announcements/Chair's Report

Reports from Councils:

Graduate Council – Item under new business

Liberal Arts Council – Working on Direct Assessment Policies

Professional Education Council – No report

Undergraduate Council – We meet tomorrow and will discuss the S/U grading policy

Student Senate – No report

Special Reports

None

New Business

- 799 Dissertation Credits Policy – Policy presented proposing changes to 799 credit limits. The new policy should improve student tracking, program flexibility, and grading of those credits throughout a student's program.

DISCUSSION:

- This proposal would change the credit requirements of PhD programs to a range of possible credits. The lowest number would satisfy the requirement, but a range would be listed. Does that serve students?
- Discussion of the provision to allow no more than half of the 799 credits to be taken before a student advances to candidacy. Are those being taken together with 797 proposal credits? The

registrar has no mechanism to monitor that. There would need to be a system to track it. Should students take 799 before a proposal is approved?

- The 12 credit minimum policy is set by UNC and can change. Other universities have very different requirements.

TO DO: Graduate Council will take this feedback and generate proposed catalog language for the new proposal.

Unfinished Business

4-day class schedule – moved to the top of our unfinished business agenda. Levin drafted a letter to unit leaders.

DISCUSSION:

- Would any teaching be allowed on the day off? How much flexibility would programs have?
- The committee offered updated wording for the drafted memo.
- Couch: does a 4-day teaching week really allow for more flexibility? If students are only on campus 4 days, how will that affect advising etc.? Capacity will be a challenge.
- Should we solicit student feedback now or later? How about athletics, residences, DEI etc.? Let's do later.

TO DO: Levin will edit the memo and the proposal and disseminate it to unit leaders.

Permanent S/U Grading Policy – Still waiting to hear from UGC before we proceed - Not discussed

Degree Conferral – Updated wording from last time - Not discussed

Retroactive Degree Conferral – Returned from codification - Not discussed

New Business

- Course Late Add – Recommended Policy Language Update - Not discussed

Comments to the Good of the Order

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:52

Oscar Levin
Chair

Lauryn Benedict
Vice Chair & acting Recording Secretary