

ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

Monday, November 7, 2022
2:30p.m. | Campus Commons 2201

MINUTES

Present: Benedict, Cieminski, Heiny (Couch), Jensen, Levin, Mahovski, Muller, Parker, Senbet, Welsh, Wieben

Absent: Allen, Leonard, Matchet

Guests: Flemming

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:36

Approval of the Agenda

Approved without objection

Approval of the October 24, 2022 meeting minutes

Approved without objection

Announcements/Chair's Report

- We are in the process of hiring an administrative assistant for APC
- Other business is in progress. See below

Reports from Councils:

Graduate Council – No report

Liberal Arts Council – Indirect assessment memos have gone out to unit leads for LAC assessment

Professional Education Council – No report

Undergraduate Council – Meets tomorrow. No report for now.

Student Senate – No report

Special Reports

None

Unfinished Business

- S/U Grading Option Policy – waiting for a new proposal from UGC
- 4-day class schedule

31 units provided feedback. Levin summarized that feedback and drafted a proposed [resolution](#) for Senate.

DISCUSSION:

- Unit feedback, concerns, and confusion echo those previously discussed in APC

- If we were to re-propose a similar schedule with Fridays as the non-teaching day, there are still valid concerns about a 4-day class schedule.
- Faculty were concerned by the lack of student input. The Student Senate president indicated that students also had a lot of questions about the value of the proposal. Students wonder how it will impact faculty.
- Could we look at other ways to relieve scheduling pressure, like adding a fall break?
- APC supports the drafted resolution but recommends not sending Appendix 2 (raw unit feedback) to the full senate
- We discussed whether APC should suggest university-wide schedules. There was general agreement that units should have flexibility in scheduling.
- Levin removed a section suggesting alternative options or modifications of the proposal
- Provost Fleming stressed the value of a regular schedule and explained that decisions should be made on the current proposal based primarily on its rationale and purpose.

MOTION: Move the drafted resolution to Senate
 Approved by unanimous voice vote.

- Program Review proposal

DISCUSSION:

- APC asked Provost Fleming what she sees the APC's role as with respect to this document and process
- This new internal review process is already being piloted and the dashboards are being developed.
- The review process options (part 3) have one ongoing pilot since HSS already uses a unique approach.
- Is there value in adding a campus-wide review committee? The graduate council is already supposed to do this for graduate programs but that committee is not very active.
- College-wide or university-wide committees can promote cross-unit understanding, but could they also create tension between departments? In general, transparency of data is best.
- What are the outcomes here? Will this become policy? Provost Fleming will recommend it as process, rather than policy. It will be flexible.
- We will continue discussing this next time.

New Business

None

Comments to the Good of the Order

None

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:51

Oscar Levin

Lauryn Benedict

Chair

Vice Chair & acting Recording Secretary