

## ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

Monday, December 9, 2024  
2:30p.m. | UC Council Room

### *Minutes*

*Present: Benedict, Cieminski, Couch, de la Torre, Gershwin, Heiny, Larson, Leatherman, Leonard, Newman, Paytoe Gbayee*

*Zoom:*

*Absent: Kyle, Muller*

Call to Order 2:32pm

Approval of the Agenda Approved with the addition to unfinished business

Approval of the November 25, 2024, meeting minutes approved without objection

Announcements/Chair's Report (Newman) – Things are moving forward. Newman met with IDD and IMNT about the undergraduate grader and had a meeting with BOMs about coding. Work with legal counsel on the amorous relations policy continues.

### Reports from Councils

Graduate Council (Cieminski) – No report

Liberal Arts Council (Muller) – We had our final meeting of Fall 2024 on 12/3. Vice Chair Wood is on sabbatical in the spring. We selected Steele the MNS CCC chair to serve as vice chair for spring 2024. Wood has committed to assisting with operationalizing the CO2/CO3 clarification during spring semester. We reviewed several courses including HON 267 which was approved as a new course to the curriculum. The remaining courses were part of the project to update the Curriculum so that all courses meet the state gtP standards for the aligned LAC category. We have completed this project. All courses in UNC's LAC now have gtP status! We discussed our full draft of the indirect assessment study survey. CCCs will review primarily for a number of questions. We reviewed our operating protocol, our accomplishments for the fall, and set our priorities for the spring.

Professional Education Council (Paytoe Gbayee) – Final PEC meeting, any curriculum related items should be sent to Paytoe Gbayee. PEC is engaging committee work for bylaws, syllabi, and work with the Disability Resource Center.

Undergraduate Council (Larson) – No report

Student Government Association (Bermudez) - No report

### Special Reports

### Special Order

### Unfinished Business

- **Micro-credentials/badges** ([folder with documents](#))
  - [Draft Charge for Micro-credentials Review Committee](#)

- Based on the CU boulder micro-credential policy, they review all micro-credentials
  - Are there other micro-credentials that are not developed by their faculty?
    - It's uncertain, but the committee should be informed about what is being offered.
  - There were two views of micro-credentials that was thought to be able to work together
- Will this be the committee to review the application of MC?
  - This charge decided who is the reviewing committee and they will create procedures for both academic and non-academic micro-credentials.
- Will members be appointed or elected?
  - Members of the Micro-credential Review Ad Hoc Committee should be appointed, and the members of the standing micro-credential review committee should be elected.
- Based on previous discussion this committee would be a short-term committee (task force or ad hoc).
- What is a reasonable timeline?
  - Recommendations could be approved by APC and FS by the end of Spring semester
- Do we want to keep last point?
  - Cieminski stated that it seems to be fine to leave it as is since there was discussion about how micro-credentials aren't just academic or co-curricular
- It was noted that all colleges should be in the committee, suggesting 1 dean and 4 faculty from each college.
  - One person can hold many titles in this committee.
- Who does this go to?
  - Recommendation will need to go to Faculty Senate before any appointments are made.
  - When considering members, they will need to have some enthusiasm of micro – credentials.
  - Will there be a chair? Does there need to be some relation to APC or FS?
- Are items 2 and 3 (in the charge) under the purview of this committee?
  - Paytoe Gbayee sees this as a structural committee rather than a reviewing body.
    - What kind of communication plan is needed? Who is responsible for communication?
      - Item 2 would include the communication plan
- Do they include recommendations?
  - Milan suggested the committee could interpret its role as strategic.
- Should all credentials go through Faculty Senate for review?
  - It does not seem feasible or logical, since it is not required for curriculum review.
- MOTION: Cieminski moves to approve the charge, Leatherman seconds,
- VOTE: Approved unanimously and the charge is approved.

- **Four-Day Final Exam schedule** ([folder with documents](#))
  - [Proposed Final Exam Rotation](#)
  - [Data on Final Exam Distributions with New Rotation](#)
- **Curriculum Standards Recommendations** ([folder with documents](#))
  - [Drafted new language for the catalog](#)
- **NHS proposal for Undergraduate Grader** ([folder with documents](#))
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- **Policy library and policy protocols**

#### Low Priority New Business

- **General Education Foundation Skills Credential (i.e., LAC “badge”)**
  - [CDHE recommendation](#)
- **Full-Time and Part-Time Enrollment Status for Graduate Students**
  - This policy will go in the Graduate School catalog
    - Consider removing “e.g., MBA program”
  - The Registrar wants to make sure this does not deviate from their standard procedures.
    - Couch wants to confirm that the policy apply consistently regardless of the term the course is taken.
  - Gershwin stated that in her unit students that are in compressed terms face challenges when they have to take SRM 600 since that is a 16 – week course.
  - What about rolling admission?
    - That would be a question for coordinator
  - What if the student is in a non-condensed course and eventually takes a condensed course?
  - Operational nuances will come up and should be addressed.
  - The program should be the one to determine
  - Will they qualify for aid?
    - Yes, students qualify for aid if they meet the criteria for half-time status.
  - A simpler policy was suggested
  - If you start halfway through a term with 3 credits you would be half-time?
    - Couch stated that since UNC is a standard term institution that would bring up some concern
  - Student welfare should be a priority to avoid situations where students misuse loans or overextend themselves.
  - Did the Graduate Council identify which programs will be classified as compressed?
    - This policy would be for the MBA
    - here are some concerns making a policy for a specific program
    - Some programs are compressed but not currently addressed by policy.
  - Accelerated vs compressed?
    - Definition
  - Can we have different rules for extended campus?
    - MBA is not part of extended campus

- de la Torre stated that if someone decided to load up in the first 8 weeks then they are full time, however, it won't be beneficial to them.
- It was stated that students should manage their schedules and decisions independently
- What are the potential concerns or resistances from going from Full – time to Part - time?
  - The Graduate school may have concerns about funding.
- This will continue into spring semester

Unfinished Business on hold

- **Academic Calendar: Fall Break**
  - [Comparison of CO Universities terms](#)
- **University Libraries Unit Organization**
  - [UL Proposed Organization](#)

Comments to the Good of the Order

Adjournment 3:40pm

Harmony Newman  
Chair