

ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

Monday, January 13, 2020
3:00 p.m. UC Council Room

MINUTES

Member(s) Present: Couch, Fulks, Garrett, Geisendorfer, Goodrum, Goodwin, Greene, Heiny, Morse, Murry, Sullivan, Tancayo, Toewe, Welsh

Member(s) Absent: Evans, Matchett

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 3:06pm.

Approval of the Agenda

- Approved without objection

Approval of the December 9, 2019 meeting minutes

- Approved without objection

Announcements

- Nancy Geisendorfer is joining as LAC chair.

Chair's report

- No Report

Reports from Councils:

- Graduate Council – No Report
- Liberal Arts Council – No Report
- Professional Education Council – No Report
- Undergraduate Council – No Report
- Student Senate – No Report

Unfinished Business

- **AAP – questions**
 - **Definition of “end of the semester” - 2-1-204(1)(a) and 2-1-204(2)(a)**
 - Registrar's working definition is that the end of the semester is the last day of finals; this aligns with the Department of Education.
 - The ‘end of the semester’ is the last day students are academically engaged.
 - For purpose of the AAP, however, another view is that the window for submitting appeals shouldn't start until grades are posted.
 - Could be written as “...the day grades are due at the end of the semester...”
 - Toewe will reach out to Codification for input.
 - **Relationship to other appeals procedures - 2-1-202**
 - AAP is designed for situations when faculty make an academic decision that a student considers arbitrary, capricious, or in violation of University policy, *not* for situations of student academic misconduct.
 - Academic misconduct is handled via the Student Code of Conduct and has its own appeal process.
 - Perhaps the Purpose section (2-1-201) could be amended for clarification.
 - The use of “may not” in 2-1-202 is similar to ‘shall/will not’.
 - Toewe will reach out to Codification for input.

- **GOAL Program – Proposal for participation in commencement**
 - Christina Ruffatti is meeting with the Provost and President about logistics for commencement – 2/13
 - One student will be ready this May; there needs to be a timely decision to ensure inclusion in the commencement program.
 - Couch will follow up regarding inclusion/planning/program.

New Business

- **Policy for Purging Courses from the Catalog**
 - The committee reviewed proposed policy language for inclusion in both the UG and GR catalogs.
 - Last year with administrative support from the Provost's Office, courses not offered/delivered in six years were identified, and communication was sent to units regarding the purge.
 - Departments are asked for a written justification for courses to be retained.
 - It is misleading to students to publish something that is not offered at all.
 - The Registrar's Office will carry out the process like last year, per administrative directive.
 - RO would like to see catalog language approved for the process; March 1 is the catalog deadline for narrative policies.
 - Toewe will send to Codification for their review before bringing to Senate.

Comments to the Good of the Order

- Heartfelt thanks to Tom Trelogan for his decades of service to UNC

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:47pm.

Anne Toewe
Chair

Betsy Kienitz
Recording Secretary