

ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

Monday, March 30, 2020

3:00 p.m. Remote Meeting - Teams

MINUTES

Present: Couch, Fulks, Garrett, Geisendorfer, Goodwin, Greene, Heiny, Matchett, Morse, Murry, Sullivan, Toewe, Welsh

Absent: Evans, Tancayo

Guests: Freeman, Sifrit

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm.

Approval of the Agenda

- Approved with

Approval of the March 9, 2020 meeting minutes

- Approved without objection

Announcements

Chair's report (Toewe) – Today we will focus on considering a P/F grading option for students in response to the pandemic.

Reports from Councils:

Graduate Council (Evans) – No Report

Liberal Arts Council (Geisendorfer) – No Report

Professional Education Council (Goodwin) – No Report

Undergraduate Council (Garrett) – No Report

Student Senate (Tancayo) – No Report

Unfinished Business

- Exploring and Seeking catalog narrative updates
- GOAL Program – Proposal for participation in commencement
- Campus-wide policy for academic misconduct

New Business

- **Priority new business - CDHE Guidance on Grading Options**
 - Due to the circumstances around the pandemic, many institutions are expanding their P/F grading options and extending the deadlines for students to choose such an option for their Spring courses.
 - CDHE recently communicated a recommendation to institutions to expand P/F grading options for this term.
 - The Provost's Office is seeking faculty input on the matter, especially regarding concerns for licensure or other program requirements where letter grades are needed.
 - Discussions are happening with the Registrar, Financial Aid, SOAR, and other campus groups to make sure any policy change is carefully crafted to account for the ramifications for various student populations such as student-athletes, students using VA benefits, and students on probation.

- A reference sheet of FAQs will be created to guide students and their advisors as they consider whether P/F grading would be helpful or harmful to the particular student situation.
- Pass/Fail grades do not impact GPA. Only letter grades count toward GPA.
- There has not been a decision yet on what will be considered the minimum Passing grade.
 - “D-” is the minimum passing grade for institutional coursework, unless other minimum grade stipulations are in place.
 - “C-“ is the minimum grade for transferability of GTP courses and is the general minimum transferable grade for any course at most institutions.
 - Some programs have minimum letter grade requirements of “C” or “B”.
 - In some areas, certain minimum letter grades are required to meet prerequisites.
 - It hasn’t been determined whether UG and GR levels will be treated differently.
- The Registrar’s Office will add a note on transcripts explaining any grading policy changes.
- The policy will be voluntary; it is not mandatory that students change to P/F grading.
- The deadline for students to change the method of grading has not yet been determined.
 - Some schools are setting the deadline for the end of the term, while others are extending the deadline beyond the end of the term.
- Anne will report on APC’s discussion at Senate today.

Comments to the Good of the Order

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:50pm.

Anne Toewe
Chair

Betsy Kienitz
Recording Secretary