

## ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

Monday, March 1, 2021  
2:30p.m. Remote Meeting - Zoom  
**MINUTES**

**Present:** Cardona, Castro, Couch, Dineen, Dunemn, Fulks, Greene, Matchett, McMullen, Murry, Toewe, Vaughan, Wood

**Absent:** Pullen

**Guests:** Beyers, Black, Heiny, LaSota, Levin, Torrez

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:31pm.

### Approval of the Agenda

Approved without objection.

### Approval of the February 15, 2021 meeting minutes

Approved without objection.

### Announcements

### Chair's report

Compliance mtg soon

### Reports from Councils:

Graduate Council (Dunemn) – The CAO and Director of Extended Campus attended our last meeting.

Liberal Arts Council (Wood) – We are continuing work on LAC bylaws revision and developing an assessment plan.

Professional Education Council (McMullen) – No Report.

Undergraduate Council (Dineen) – UGC meets next Tuesday. We have received several applications for undergraduate commencement student speaker.

Student Senate (Castro) – No Report.

### Unfinished Business

#### • **Mutually exclusive courses**

- The Committee reviewed the latest draft with suggestions/questions from Codification.
  - Matchett and Couch provided feedback on the areas where Codification had questions about mutual exclusivity and grade replacement.
  - Levin asked for clearer language regarding registration.
  - Fulks pointed out a grammatical error in the Codification edits.
- Matchett will work with Couch to further refine the language.

#### • **Withdrawal deadlines**

- The Committee reviewed the latest draft with suggested edits from Codification.
  - Couch recommends accepting the narrative changes from Codification, including removing the specific references to “approximately 95%” of the term.
    - The deadlines meet the 95% objective; however, it does not need to be stated in the policy itself.
  - Strike the ‘an’ and parentheses in references to “an individual course(s)”

- Add a sentence in the first paragraph about complete schedule withdrawal: “Students may request a complete schedule withdrawal from the Office of the Registrar.”
  - Include a reference to requesting a complete schedule withdrawal in the “Full Semester Courses” paragraph.

MOTION: Toewe – It is moved to approve the catalog language as amended and move it forward to the next Senate meeting.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

- **S/U grading**

- Stephanie Torrez and Samantha Black presented a proposal on behalf of Advising and Soar staff in support of extending an S/U grading option.
  - Regardless of whether the decision is to implement or not to implement S/U grading, we ask that the campus community be informed of any decision by March 22.
  - Providing a decision by March 22 would allow advisors adequate time to engage students about their options.

DISCUSSION:

- Ongoing pandemic-related stressors (personal and academic) on students and faculty
- S/U grading as an option to support students and encourage retention
- Concern about the risk of students making less than advantageous S/U grading selections, especially relating to program requirements, licensure, etc.
- Castro noted Student Senate’s support of implementing an S/U grading option.

MOTION: Greene – It is moved to endorse the proposal to extend an S/U grading option for Spring 2021.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Levin suggested the following caveat: “with the intent that Spring 2021 is the last semester for which a COVID-related S/U grading option will be implemented.”

Greene accepted the friendly amendment.

VOTE: Approved by hand vote, none opposed.

- Toewe will craft an S/U grading option extension for consideration at Faculty Senate’s 3/22 meeting.

- **Exam Proctoring**

- Matchett presented the latest draft of the online exam proctoring policy.
- Discussion: balance of academic considerations and budget concerns, use limited to certain types of situations, issues of equity/accessibility, etc.
- UGC will review the draft at their next meeting.

New Business

Comments to the Good of the Order

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48pm.

Anne Toewe  
Chair

Betsy Kienitz  
Recording Secretary