

ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

Monday, April 5, 2021

2:30p.m. Remote Meeting - Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Castro, Couch, Dineen, Dunemn, Fulks, Greene, Matchett, McMullen, Murry, Pullen, Toewe

Absent: Cardona, Vaughan, Wood

Guests: Heiny, LaSota, Levin

Call to Order

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

Approval of the Agenda

Approved without objection.

Approval of the March 22, 2021 meeting minutes

Approved without objection.

Announcements

Chair's report (Toewe)

- **Chair/Vice-Chair nominations**
 - Toewe and Murry are both rotating off next year. APC will need new officers for next year.
- **S/U Grading**
 - The extension for Spring 2021 has been approved.
 - Toewe asked UGC to take up the topic of S/U grading next year and make recommendations toward the development of a permanent policy for the undergraduate catalog.
 - Graduate Council may take up the issue at the graduate level if so desired.

Reports from Councils:

Graduate Council (Dunemn) – Dissertation fellowship applications are open.

Liberal Arts Council (Matchett on behalf of Wood) – LAC is continuing work on bylaws revisions and the development of an assessment plan. The Council approved an updated catalog narrative and voted to remove outdated global student learning outcomes for Arts & Humanities. As a reminder, the Liberal Arts Curriculum goes into effect next Fall.

Professional Education Council (McMullen) – Programs are in the process of updating program matrices, due April 15. Jeri Kraver will chair PEC next year.

Undergraduate Council (Dineen) – No Report.

Student Senate (Castro) – We had a successful town hall meeting. Please encourage students to vote in the Student Senate elections. The Student Senate is curious about pursuing a standardized attendance policy. Castro asked for members thoughts.

DISCUSSION:

- With non-standard expectations, students may experience a wide variation in what faculty require: doctor's notes, obituaries for funeral attendance, etc.
- Attendance policies are difficult to implement university wide as program requirements vary across disciplines. For example, SES programs are highly applied and require practice in classroom settings.
- Perhaps rather than a standard policy, guidelines for faculty can be strengthened.

- Some faculty erroneously refer students to the Dean of Students to ask for excused/approved absences.
- For reference, Couch shared the catalog section regarding attendance:
<https://unco.smartcatalogiq.com/Current/Undergraduate-Catalog/Undergraduate-Information-and-Policies/Student-Policies-and-Procedures/Attendance>

Unfinished Business

- **Main Campus seat availability for Extended Campus programs**
 - The committee reviewed Codification's recent edits. Couch was able to attend the Codification meeting and is supportive of the recommendations.
 - For further clarification about the context of the Current Practice, the sentence was amended as follows: "Roughly 5-8 seats **across the entire curriculum** are acquired each semester from Main Campus by EC."
 - Without objection, the committee accepts Codification's recommended edits and approves the policy as amended.
 - We will bring it forward to the next Senate meeting.

New Business

Comments to the Good of the Order

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02pm.

Anne Toewe
Chair

Betsy Kienitz
Recording Secretary