

ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

Monday, August 31, 2020
2:30p.m. Remote Meeting - Zoom

MINUTES

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

Absent:

Guest: Heiny

Call to Order

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

Approval of the Agenda

Approved without objection.

Approval of the April 27, 2020 meeting minutes

Approved without objection.

Chair's report (Toewe) – We will go over unfinished business to get everyone up to speed.

Reports from Councils:

Graduate Council (Dunemn) – No Report

Liberal Arts Council (Wood) – All undergraduate programs must update their catalog listing to account for the new Liberal Arts Curriculum; direct any questions to your elected LAC representative.

Professional Education Council (McMullen) – PEC will be considering how to amend policy for student teaching supervision due to changes associated with the pandemic. UNC has dropped paying for LiveText; we encourage anyone who has a stake in it to come to PEC's September meeting.

Undergraduate Council (Dineen) – UGC's first meeting is tomorrow.

Student Senate (Castro) – No Report

Unfinished Business

- **GOAL Program – Proposal for participation in commencement**

- No proposal has been brought forward yet regarding the participation of GOAL certificate earners in graduation ceremonies.
- Information would need to be formalized by mid-October if it is to be included in the program this semester.
 - Catalog information and commencement team details would need to be established.
- Murry will reach out to the GOAL director.

DISCUSSION: Consider what sets GOAL apart from other certificate programs to merit recognition in commencement ceremonies. GOAL is a 4-year certificate program, and its completion represents a milestone akin to degree completion in a way that other certificates do not.

Additional GOAL-related Question: For the first time, a GOAL student has been accepted to UNC as a degree-seeking student and wants to know if they can apply credits earned through the GOAL program to their degree program. Courses taken as part of the GOAL program were not originally intended to be applicable toward degree programs at UNC; however, current catalog policy is not explicit about how the credits may or may not apply. When GOAL students take traditional UNC

courses, the assignments and assessments are modified differently for each individual student's academic level. It is not clear whether the course learning outcomes would be the same as the regular version of the courses.

- **Campus-wide policy for academic misconduct**

- With the approval over Summer of the new Student Code of Conduct ("Bear Code"), a campus-wide policy for academic misconduct has been established.
- Per 3-2-211(4), faculty *must* report incidents of academic misconduct to the Dean of Students.
 - It is still at the faculty member's discretion how to address instances of academic misconduct.
 - The reporting requirement simply allows instances to be tracked, and any patterns of academic misconduct can be more readily identified.
- The committee expressed concern that many students and faculty may be unaware of the new requirements in the Bear Code.
 - Dean of Students staff are willing to meet with departments and provide training on the new reporting mechanisms.
 - All students are expected to comply with the Bear Code, although it's unclear whether the new policies have been widely communicated.
- Toewe will follow up with Jeff Gilis, the faculty member who brought the question forward.

- **Summer Enrollment Proposal from Athletics**

- Overview: last Spring, Athletics presented their proposal to reduce fulltime Summer enrollment from 12 to 6 credits.
 - It would create a variance between academic status load (6 credits) and financial aid status load (12 credits).
 - Not only Athletics would be impacted; other areas to consider include VA, international students, and compliance.
- No action to be taken today; the proposal is being reviewed by other entities before APC might need to review it.

New Business

Comments to the Good of the Order

Toewe and Matchett – Thank you all for your time and service on the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30PM.

Anne Toewe
Chair

Betsy Kienitz
Recording Secretary