

ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

Monday, September 14, 2020
2:30p.m. Remote Meeting - Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Couch, Dineen, Dunemn, Fulks, Greene, McMullen, Murry, Pullen, Sullivan, Toewe, Wood

Absent: Cardona, Castro, Matchett, Vaughan

Guest: Heiny

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:32PM.

Approval of the Agenda

Approved with addition of questions/discussion about policy submission.

Approval of the August 31, 2020 meeting minutes

Approved without objection.

Chair's report (Toewe) –

- Jeff Gilis has a follow up question for us to review regarding the academic misconduct policy; we'll invite DoS for their input.
- Matchett is unable to attend today's meeting due to a conflict with the monthly GE Council meeting.

Reports from Councils:

Graduate Council (Dunemn) – Graduate Council's first meeting is Thursday.

Liberal Arts Council (Wood) – LAC's first meeting is tomorrow. All UG programs need to update their catalog narrative to account for the new Liberal Arts Curriculum; contact your college LAC representatives with any questions.

Professional Education Council (McMullen) – PEC's first meeting is next Thursday.

Undergraduate Council (Dineen) – UGC is seeking nominations for undergraduate commencement student speaker; information is available on the UGC website. The deadline for applications is October 2nd.

Student Senate (Castro) – No Report

Unfinished Business

- **GOAL Program – Proposal for participation in commencement**
 - No new development at this time. Although there is no hurry for Fall ceremony, it would be good to establish policy in the catalog for future ceremonies.
- **Campus-wide policy for academic misconduct**
 - With the current policy outlined in the Bear Code, faculty must report incidents of academic misconduct to the Dean of Students.
 - Faculty choose how to address the incident with the student; there is no mandated disciplinary procedure they must follow.
 - The committee expressed support for the academic misconduct policy as written.

- Faculty don't want to miss opportunities to educate students about plagiarism/academic misconduct; a mandated punishment misses the mark, especially when dealing with first-time offenders.
- Gilis is welcome to submit a written proposal for policy change to APC.
- **Summer Enrollment Proposal from Athletics**
 - The Registrar contacted Northern Arizona University for information regarding their reduced credit amount for fulltime status in Summer.
 - The policy does not align with their having to report 12 credits as fulltime for the National Student Clearinghouse; essentially the policy and the process don't match.
 - Per the Federal Student Aid Handbook, full-time status for undergraduates is at least 12 credits.

New Business

- **Question/discussion about policy submissions**
 - The Registrar's Office is working with Student Affairs on policy updates surrounding name changes and preferred names.
 - Usually, the Registrar would bring anything catalog-related to APC, but this particular topic is not related to academics.
 - As the policy relates to students, perhaps the proposals should go to the UGC and GC for review instead of APC.

Comments to the Good of the Order

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58PM.

Anne Toewe
Chair

Betsy Kienitz
Recording Secretary