

ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

Monday, September 28, 2020
2:30p.m. Remote Meeting - Zoom

MINUTES

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

Absent: Castro, Fulks

Guest: Heiny, Ruffatti

Call to Order

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

Approval of the Agenda

Approved without objection.

Approval of the September 14, 2020 meeting minutes

Approved without objection.

Chair's report (Toewe) –

- Welcome to Christina Ruffatti, Executive Director of GOAL, joining us to discuss the proposal for participation in commencement.

Reports from Councils:

Graduate Council (Dunemn) – The GRE has been made optional; this change originally came about as a result of testing difficulties during the pandemic. Discussion around membership on graduate committees is coming back up. Our next meeting is October 15.

Liberal Arts Council (Wood) – LAC held its first meeting September 15. Plans for this year include revising board policy and developing an assessment plan for the new Liberal Arts Curriculum.

Professional Education Council (McMullen) – With the changes surrounding the new Liberal Arts Curriculum, all UG programs carrying licensure need to be reviewed by PEC to ensure they are meeting licensure requirements. We want to be proactive in helping those programs get through approvals.

Undergraduate Council (Dineen) – The UG commencement student speaker application is open; please encourage graduating seniors to apply.

Student Senate (Castro) – No Report

Unfinished Business

- **GOAL Program – Proposal for participation in commencement**
 - Christina Ruffatti, Executive Director of GOAL, provided information about the program.
 - The program takes four years (eight semesters) to complete; students take over 70 credits and earn a Comprehensive Higher Education Certificate.
 - Students attend Fall and Spring semesters only.
 - We admit no more than ten students each academic year, with students starting in the Fall semester.
 - Due to the admit schedule, students are expected to complete the program in Spring semesters.

- The GOAL program currently has 23 students, four of which are set to complete their certificates in Spring.
- Ruffatti presented revised catalog language stating that students who complete the Certificate will be eligible to participate in commencement ceremonies.
 - The GOAL students would be recognized before the procession of degree-seeking students.
- Couch suggested adding a link to the [Graduation Application](#) in the body of the catalog language.
- Greene suggested removing the specific reference to the “Spring” ceremony in order to allow flexibility.
- Ruffatti accepts the changes.

MOTION: Toewe – It is moved to approve the GOAL proposal for participation in commencement as amended.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

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

- Colleen Sonnentag (DOS) and APC support the current academic misconduct policy as it is written.
 - As the current policy was implemented in August 2020 with the new mandatory reporting piece [3-2-211(4)], it should be given time to prove its effectiveness.
- Toewe will follow up with Jeff Gilis.

DISCUSSION:

- Couch asked if APC is interested in reviewing changes in how academic dismissals, etc. are documented and noted on transcripts.
- The committee supports Couch bringing these types of updates to APC as information items.

- **Summer Enrollment Proposal from Athletics**

- Rachel Walton, Associate Athletic Director, will be meeting with other universities to discuss how they handle Summer enrollment.
- There is no additional action for APC to take at this time.

New Business

Comments to the Good of the Order

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25pm.

Anne Toewe
Chair

Betsy Kienitz
Recording Secretary