

ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 18, 2022
2:30p.m. | UC Council Room

MINUTES

Present: Couch (Heiny), Franklin (Dineen), Matchett, Pullen, Vaughan, Wood

Absent: Benavidez, Benedict, Brewer, Kraver, Wieben, Yu, Zaghawan

Guests: Baron, LaSota, Levin, Wesley

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:30pm.

Approval of the Agenda

Approved without objection.

Approval of the November 22, 2021 meeting minutes

Approved without objection.

Announcements

Chair's report

- Vaughan will have time conflicts with some APC meeting times. We need to elect a vice-chair; please consider serving. We will add vice-chair election to the next meeting agenda.

Reports from Councils:

Graduate Council (Brewer) – No Report.

Liberal Arts Council (Wood) – No Report.

Professional Education Council (Kraver) – No Report.

Undergraduate Council (Dineen) – UGC met last week. We continued discussion of minimum expectations for Canvas use, taking into consideration the questions raised at APC. We are also still working on S/U grading; we may have something to share after the next UGC meeting. We will discuss short-term loan options with Financial Aid Director, Marty Somero. Applications are open for undergraduate commencement speakers; please encourage graduating seniors to apply. Applications are on the UGC website: <https://www.unco.edu/undergraduate-council/>.

Student Senate (Benavidez) – No Report.

Unfinished Business

- **Permanent S/U Grading Policy** – *on hold*

- **Leave of Absence**

- Wesley presented a revised draft that addressed the issues/questions previously discussed at APC.
- An additional paragraph was added to address what happens when a student does not apply for reinstatement by their LOA end date.
- For the sake of clarity, Wesley and the committee agreed to delete the sentence: “During a LOA, a student may not have access to university resources intended for enrolled students.”
- Regarding the bulleted list of what a student on a LOA cannot do, separate it from the preceding paragraph to be its own stand-alone section.

MOTION: Pullen – It is moved to approve the LOA policy with the amendments discussed and send the policy to Codification for review before moving it to Faculty Senate.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

- **Posthumous Degrees**

- The committee reviewed proposed policy changes to 3-8-104(2), which were reviewed and recommended for approval by UGC last week.
- The minor changes approved by APC and Faculty Senate last Fall were for the catalog. The changes under review today will be to the policy in University Regulations (UR), and the catalog language will be updated to match the UR language.

DISCUSSION:

- The revisions are written so that family permission is no longer needed to award a posthumous degree; however, families may still initiate a request for a posthumous degree.
- The committee considered additional ways to simplify the process and make it more flexible. Considerations include:
 - removing the requirement that a student be in their last semester,
 - removing the ambiguity about “assuming satisfactory completion” of enrolled courses/degree requirements, and
 - removing any implication that a student must be enrolled in courses at the time of their death to be eligible.
- The committee examined posthumous degree policies from various Colorado institutions; some list a percentage of degree requirements that must have been completed (e.g., 75%).
 - The committee chose not to apply a minimum percentage.
- The committee agreed that the process and criteria for approval should be the same across all colleges, not subject to approval at the program level.
- Allow the Provost to determine whether the student had made adequate progress toward degree completion.
- Allow the Dean of the Students to determine whether there were any outstanding criminal charges or violations of the Student Code of Conduct that would prohibit the award of a posthumous degree.
- Vaughan will revise the proposal and bring it for review at the next meeting.

New Business

- **Enrollment Status/Intensive English Program**

- The Registrar’s Office and CIE presented additions to the following undergraduate catalog sections:
 - Enrollment Status: Full Time/Part Time and Overload Status
 - Intensive English Program
- The updates will clarify what is full-time status for students in the Intensive English Program: 18 classroom hours per week, not the standard undergraduate minimum requirement of 12 credits.

MOTION: Pullen – It is moved to approve the revised language and send it directly to Faculty Senate.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

- **AGS/AAS Degree UG catalog language**

- The Registrar's Office presented revisions to the Transfer Policies and Transfer Credit sections of the undergraduate catalog intended to clarify existing practice by explicitly stating that Associate of Applied Science (AAS) and Associate of General Studies (AGS) degrees are not transferable to UNC and do not waive LAC requirements.
 - AAS and AGS degrees are technical associates degrees.
 - Unlike Associates of Arts (AA) and Associate of Science (AS) degrees [which are transferable degrees that waive LAC requirements], AAS/AGS degrees are not subject to State general education requirements and are not part of STAAs.
 - The individual courses taken as part of AAS/AGS degrees may be transferable or not depending on the type of credit (e.g., vocational credit is non-transferable).
- The proposal also strikes sentences that refer to outdated LAC requirements for majors.

MOTION: Pullen – It is moved to approve the revised language and send it directly to Faculty Senate.

VOTE: Approve by voice vote.

Comments to the Good of the Order

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42pm.

Angela Vaughan
Chair

Betsy Kienitz
Recording Secretary