

UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL

February 11, 2020, 3:30pm

Campus Commons 2300 Conference Room

MINUTES

Present:

Couch, Charles

Dineen, Rachel

Fitzpatrick, Colleen

Franklin, Scott

Fulton, Jarae

Garrett, Barbara

Hawkinson, Ann

Matchett, Nancy

McClatchey, Christine

Park, Junpyo

Somero, Marvin

Tancayo, Michaela

Terranova, Victoria

Thompson, Susan

Tucker, Gardiner

Withrow, Nicole

Zukiewicz, Adam

Guest(s): Chris Freeman, Jason Sifrit

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 3:33pm.

Approval of Agenda

- The agenda was approved without objection.

Approval of Minutes 01-14-20

- The minutes were approved without objection.

Reports

Chair's Report – Garrett will be going on medical leave; Fitzpatrick will be stepping up for duties as co-chair.

1. **LAC** – Need additional representation from UGC. Matchett attends the meetings and can report as needed.
2. **Assessment Council** – Park – Promoting mini-grants for program-level assessment

Unfinished Business

1. UGC Bylaws updates – Scott & Christine

- Making changes to align more closely with board policy
- Article 5 a.1. – change to include programs, a faculty group that may not be in a full department (e.g. have only minors, not majors)
 - “program, department, school”

MOTION: Fitzpatrick – It is moved to approve the updated language for the UGC bylaws.

SECOND: Dineen

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

- Send to Senate – will be read at Codification.

2. Annual Program Review

- Looking to build internal reports through IRAS, moving away from using Academic Performance Standards (APS)
 - The spirit of the metrics won't change; it's a change in how we do the work.
 - Kim Black will come in March to explain.

3. Timeline for spring commencement speaker

- Auditions are next week.
- Set up 20-minute blocks for each candidate.

4. Updated SOAR probation exemption policy proposal – Chris Freeman

- The previous draft was using the dual/concurrent enrollment policy; the newest draft uses the academic standing policy.
 - Worked with the Registrar's Office to simplify the procedure
 - The proposed change to the academic standing policy gives students a semester to establish GPA before risking probation and solves the main concerns with previous proposal.
 - The current dual/concurrent enrollment policy remains in place.

MOTION: Fitzpatrick – It is moved to accept the revisions to the academic standing policy as written.

SECOND: Franklin

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

- Send to APC – Invite Chris Freeman to APC.

New Business

1. Catalog narrative updates – Exploring and Seeking Programs

- Clarifies that Exploring/Seeking are not degree programs
- Students must declare a degree-seeking program by the time they have completed 30 credit hours, even if they are still trying to get into another program (e.g. Nursing)
 - Ability to distribute Title IV federal financial aid requires satisfactory progress toward degree completion
- Changes made to Nursing – two application timelines to streamline process, also native or Aims2UNC students get top priority.
 - The School of Nursing advises Exploring Liberal Arts Nursing students.
 - Nursing (RN to BSN) is a Seeking program.
- Fix spelling error in title

MOTION: Fitzpatrick – It is moved to accept changes to the Exploring and Seeking catalog narratives as presented.

SECOND: Franklin

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

2. Interdisciplinary Studies: Student Designed Major SAP requirement

- SAP compliance issue – Satisfactory Academic Progress includes not only the institution-wide minimum GPA requirement of 2.0 for undergraduate programs, but also any additional GPA requirements of degree programs.
 - This includes individual courses that may have additional grade requirements for majors.
 - When students fall below GPA requirements, they become ineligible for financial aid.
 - Financial aid warning is placed after one term; then if the warning is not cleared the next semester, financial aid is suspended.
- Banner is not a good option for monitoring major-specific GPA stipulations.
 - Monitoring GPA requirements needs to be done at the unit level; instances where students fall below the minimum major GPA requirements must be reported to Financial Aid.
 - Many programs are eliminating their higher GPA requirements to avoid monitoring/reporting issues.
- Memo sent to departments that have major-specific GPA or other requirements higher than the University's standard requirements.
 - Departments with higher major-specific requirements need to examine whether such stipulations are needed. Options for units:
 - Remove additional requirements, or
 - Develop a SAP compliance and advising plan.
 - Many Colorado universities do not have major-specific requirements that are stricter than the institution-wide requirements.
- As the UGC is the curriculum committee for the Student Designed Major, Matchett asks the Council to approve removing the higher GPA requirement of the Student Designed Major along with other proposed revisions as presented.

MOTION: Dineen – It is moved to accept the changes to Interdisciplinary Studies – Student Designed Major as presented, including the removal of the higher GPA requirement.

SECOND: Terranova

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

Comments to the Good of the Order

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

Barbara Garrett
Chair

Betsy Kienitz
Recording Secretary