

ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 19, 2021
2:30p.m Remote Meeting Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Castro, Cough, Dineen, Greene, Matchett, Murry, Pullen, Toewe, Vaughan, Wood

Absent: Cardona, Dunne, Fulks, McMullen

Guest: Heiny

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 2:33pm.

Approval of the Agenda

Approved without objection.

Approval of the November 9 2020 meeting minutes

Approved without objection.

Chair's report (Toewe)

A Land Acknowledgement statement is now included with CETs recommended syllabus statements: https://www.unco.edu/center/enhancement/teaching/learning/syllabus_statements.aspx

Reports from Councils:

Graduate Council (Dunne) – No Report

Liberal Arts Council (Wood) – LAC reviewed 29 courses last semester. Goals this Spring include developing an assessment plan and revising council bylaws.

Professional Education Council (McMullen) – No Report. Individual course withdrawal deadline is 50% of the term complete schedule withdrawal deadline is ~80% of the term.

- There is no clear rationale or benefit to having staggered withdrawal deadlines.

- Aligning the withdrawal deadlines and pushing the date later into the semester will likely have a positive impact on student success and retention.

Faculty have pointed out that 50% of the term is for many classes so soon to expect students to have received significant feedback on their performance.

- The Integrated Network Council (INC) also submitted their feedback in support of aligning the individual/complete withdrawal dates and establishing a deadline later in the semester
- There is no financial impact associated with changing the withdrawal deadline as no refunds are issued after the drop deadline. Financial Aid and the Bursar's Office will not be affected
- Dineen commented that UGC is supportive of the idea to move the withdrawal deadline to 95% of the semester, as suggested in the Registrar's Office proposal.
- The goal would be to start the new withdrawal process in Fall 2021.
- A policy needs to be written up before APC makes a recommendation to the Senate.

S/U grading

- Couch presented information on S/U grading, including examples of other school policies and issues to consider as UNC contemplates establishing a permanent policy around S/U grading. Tj () Tj E Mahe .-2 (ng a)4 (pe)4 (-w [(s)-1 (uppor)3 (t)-2 (i)ah (i)ah (b0 Td [[36 (p)-4(a) gr 2021.

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