

ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

Monday, February 28, 2022
2:30p.m. | UC Council Room

MINUTES

Present: Benedict, Couch, Franklin (Dineen), Matchett, Pullen (Han), Vaughan, Wieben, Wood, Yu

Absent: Benavidez, Brewer, Kraver, Zaghawan

Guests: Fischer, Heiny, Larson, LaSota, Levin

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:31pm.

Approval of the Agenda

Approved with a change in the order of business to discuss the BOAC item first after Special Reports.

Approval of the January 31, 2022 meeting minutes

Approved without objection.

Announcements/Chair's Report

Reports from Councils:

Graduate Council (Brewer) – No Report.

Liberal Arts Council (Wood) – We are implementing indirect assessment and looking at the selection process for the Summer Bridge program LAC course offering.

Professional Education Council (Kraver) – The State legislature is considering HB22 1220: Removing Barriers to Educator Preparation; the bill addresses financial obstacles teacher candidates face.

Undergraduate Council (Dineen) – UGC also discussed the Summer Bridge program. There is ongoing discussion about the creation of a permanent S/U grading option; we may have something to share after UGC's March meeting.

Student Senate (Benavidez) – No Report.

Special Reports

- **NR Grading Usage Policy update** (Registrar)

Couch presented a successful completion for respective course(s) and is not considered a passing grade/successful completion toward Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) per Federal Student Aid policy.

UNC is moving toward the use of "S" and "U" grading for courses that utilize "NR" grading practices.

As the Federal policy clarification was implemented July 1, 2021, we are applying the change this semester and updating "NR" grades from impacted 2021 semesters.

Unfinished Business

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

Fischer will work with Levin to revise Board Policy language and work with the BOAC to review catalog language/propose any revisions as appropriate.

- **Senate bylaws, Article V – The Academic Policies Committee**

The Codification committee is reviewing/revising Faculty Senate bylaws and asked each Senate committee to review their respective section.

Codification will be updating the language throughout the bylaws to use inclusive pronouns (e.g., changing “his/her” to “their”).

DISCUSSION:

In section A., the chairs of UGC, GC, LAC, and PEC are denoted as members; it would be consistent with practice and provide flexibility to add “or their designee” to that section.

In section D., consider the following edits:

- D. The APC shall receive and review bi-weekly ~~and annual~~ reports and policy recommendations from the University's UGC, GC, LAC, and PEC. Recommendations on the approval of ~~these reports and~~ policy issues shall be prepared for consideration by the Senate.

Consider whether to keep/revise section F:

- F. The APC chair or designee from the committee shall serve as a representative of the Senate on the advisory committees of the CAO.

Currently, the Senate chair attends the Deans Council and the Academic Affairs Leadership Team as the Senate’s representative.

Also, the chairs of both APC and Faculty Welfare are currently serving on the Academic Covid Responsiveness Group.

The committee will continue review at a later meeting.

Comments to the Good of the Order

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40pm.

Angela Vaughan
Chair

Betsy Kienitz
Recording Secretary