

ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE
Monday, August 29, 2022
2:30p.m. | UC Council Room
MINUTES

Present: Allen, Benedict, Cieminski, Couch, Levin, Mahovsky, Matchett, Muller, Parker, Senbet ,Wels o04

xGrade Submission policy

- o Couch presented revised language to the grade submission policy of the UG and GR catalogs.
 - fThe changes specify the need for grades to be submitted within three working days of the end of a course, regardless of the part of term.
 - fDelays in the reporting of grades impact aid payments to students.

DISCUSSION:

- o Examine language in Board Policy regarding teaching obligations and make corresponding updates if needed.
- o Members suggested minor edits for clarity.

MOTION: Levin –It is moved to approve the revised grade submission policy with amendments discussed and send it to Codification.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

New Business

xDegree Conferral

- o Couch presented language to articulate the current operational practice of the timing of when degrees are awarded.
 - fThe language specifies that degree conferral occurs three times each year, after the conclusion of the Fall, Spring, and Summer terms.
 - fThe policy applies to both UG and GR levels.

DISCUSSION:

- o Members suggested edits for clarity.
- o Couch will incorporate suggestions and bring a revised draft to APC.

xRetroactive Degree Conferral

- o Couch presented policy language to address situations when students seek to have a degree conferred retroactively.
 - fThis type of situation arises when students do not apply for graduation in the respective term in which they complete their degree requirements.
 - fUnder this policy, students would submit a Retroactive Degree Request form to verify all requirements are met.
 - fIf the request is approved, the degree will be posted in the term the final program requirements were met.
 - xThe entry will be annotated to reflect the date when the retroactive degree completion was entered on the academic record.

DISCUSSION:

- o Note that the “current” graduation application fee will be assessed to the student’s account, rather than a specific amount.
- o Remove references to specific, current position titles in the policy; use more generic language instead (maybe “Office of the Provost”).
- o Couch will incorporate suggestions and bring a revised draft to APC.

xCORE Initiative

- o Matchett presented information regarding the State's CORE Initiative which allows four-year institutions to award (but not deliver) associates degrees.
 - fThe program is targeting students who have earned at least 70 credit hours (with at least 15 credits from the awarding institution) and have completed (at least some) general education requirements.
 - fParticipation in the initiative is optional but strongly encouraged at the State level.
 - fIf UNC participates, the State will generate/provide a list of eligible students to us.
 - fThe State will submit and pay for the application to HLC on behalf of the participating four-year institutions for approval to award associates degrees.
- o Decisions we need to make:
 - fDoes the faculty support participation in this program?
 - fIf so, what degrees will UNC offer through the initiative?
 - xAGS and AA/AS degrees are options; requirements vary depending on degree type.

DISCUSSION:

- o Four-year institutions would not be allowed to require students to take any additional credits to earn associates degrees
- o Levin charged UGC to review the proposal and provide their recommendation about awarding specific degree types.

x4-day class schedule

Comments to the Good of the Order

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53pm.

Oscar Levin
Chair

Betsy Kienitz
Recording Secretary