

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