

## ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 3, 2024  
2:30p.m. | UC Council Room

### *Minutes*

Present: Couch, de la Torre, Heiny, Kyle, Leonard, Matchett, Muller, Newman, Paytoe Gbayee  
Zoom: Cieminski  
Absent: Benedict, Bermudez, Larson, Leatherman, Parker

Call to Order 2:31pm

Approval of the Agenda approved without objection

Approval of the April 15, 2024, meeting minutes approved without objection

Announcements/Chair's Report (Newman) – Introductions. The primary focus of this meeting is to determine goals for the year.

- The Deans' working group is working on the implementation of micro-credentials and will present their findings to the APC.

### Reports from Councils

Graduate Council (Cieminski) – No report

Liberal Arts Council (Muller) – The Liberal Arts Council had their first meeting last week. They continue to work on assessments and the ISR process. Direct assessment work continues in the writing area.

Professional Education Council (Paytoe Gbayee) – The Professional Education Council (PEC) will be reviewing bylaws and work on updating them, so they line up with Faculty Senate. There is a lot of work that will need to be done since it is accreditation this year. There are several open positions in the committee that will need to be filled during elections.

Undergraduate Council (Larson) – The Undergraduate Council (UGC) will be meeting next week. There are no current pressing agenda items but if there is anything APC would like UGC look over to please contact Milan.

Student Government Association (Bermudez) – No report

### Special Reports

#### Special Order

#### Unfinished Business

- Academic Calendar: Fall Break
  - The Student Government Association (SGA) Representative was supposed to bring a report from SGA about the proposed Fall Break last year. SGA proposed a Fall break mirroring Spring Break by either extending Thanksgiving Break or setting a separate week for Fall Break. There have not been any updates about the topic.
  - Couch has calendar comparison with other institutions that will be shared with APC.
- Four-day finals week policy not a priority at the moment from president's office
  - Consider before spending time on this to determine how much to go into it

- Wait for another year until time to review is determined
- Give offices enough time to adopt the calendar
- Discussion will continue
- University Libraries Unit Organization
  - New BP on how to organize library
    - UL came in and proposed that new BP did not fit what they did
  - Newman will investigate more information on this to determine what the role APC.

### New Business

- Micro-credentials/badges
- Questions asked by Paytoe Gbayee –
  - Are we talking to industry about the gaps? Are we competing with other institutions? Will we be looking for people with micro credentials to serve as experts?
    - Faculty can access information about micro-credentials on a Teams site, and both deans and faculty have participated in multiple meetings on the topic. The provost's office has stated that the costs associated with micro-credentials must be covered in order to be implemented with the addition of a Policy and oversight committee to manage them.
  - Discussion about Micro-credentials/badges will continue at the next meeting when more members are present, and we have deans report.
- Paytoe Gbayee indicated that PEC curriculum schedule/time was supposed to be brought to APC and FS for review. Matchett informed her about the updates to curriculum in the University Regulations and will be able to send Paytoe Gbayee those updates.

### Comments to the Good of the Order

Adjournment 3:10pm

Harmony Newman  
Chair