ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE
Monday, April 1, 2024
2:30p.m. | UC Council Room
Minutes Draft

Present: Allen, Benedict, Bermudez, Cieminski, Couch, Heiny, Kang, Larson, Leatherman, Leonard, Levin, Muller, Newman, Senbet
Via Zoom: Parker
Absent: Bailey, de la Torre, Matchett

Call to Order 2:37pm
Approval of the Agenda approved without objection
Approval of the March 18, 2023, meeting minutes approved without objection

Announcements/Chair's Report (Levin): Approved Curriculum Process will go to Codification
    for review. After reviewing it will come back for final approval before being brought forth to
    Faculty Senate on 4/29. The last APC meeting of the semester is tentative and nominations
    for chair and vice-chair will take place at the next meeting.

Reports from Councils
Graduate Council (Cieminski) – 600 level courses are being reviewed and whether
undergraduate students should be allowed to take 600 level courses. 4 +
1 is being looked at around campus and current policy is causing
confusion based on 600 level courses. Pros and cons of letting
undergraduate students take courses are being determined. Discussion
is starting and action will take place in fall. There are some concerns
about having undergraduate and doctoral students in the same classes
due to reasons such as the challenge of keeping up with the level of
intellectually between both. The intellectual maturity differs among
students.
Liberal Arts Council (Muller) – LAC is currently working on indirect studies, the registrar has
made updates, and the finals week portion of syllabi has been discussed and will be implemented
in upcoming year's syllabi.
Professional Education Council (Bailey) – No report
Undergraduate Council (Larson) – UGC is continuing conversation about last meeting.
Student Government Association (Michell) – Ballots open today and are due Friday. The first
public reading of new bylaws will be made tonight.

Special Reports

Special Order

Unfinished Business

Unfinished Business on hold
- **Academic Calendar** Fall break.

- **University Libraries Unit Organization**

<u>New Business</u>
- **Curriculum Standards Recommendations for UGC**
    - Curriculum Standards Recommendations.docx
        - It was suggested that a policy is written then brought back to APC for approval.
        - Question 1:
            - APC adopts UGC recommendations.
        - Question 2:
            - Muller, Leatherman, and Benedict stated that their departments won't be able to be in compliance with recommendations due to the change sand complexity of their unit.
            - Suggests going with a credit-based policy instead of percentage, 15 credits.
                - Using a percentage can get complicated.
            - Does the 50% include transfer credit hours?
                - Yes, it will be included.
                - Residential work will need to be clarified.
            - May work for the major specific courses instead of other requirements.
            - APC Recommendation:
                - Some current degrees have many credits to give students a broad understanding of related areas so requiring 50% of the total major credits would not be appropriate. We request that a report on the current percentage is provided.
        - Question 3:
            - Several programs have different number of requirements for different concentrations.
            - This may be a case where we use recommendations instead of a policy and leave it up to the departments.
            - The provost wants language of emphasis and concentration to be cleaned up.
            - APC Recommendation:
                - Unclear how 50% is calculated if different concentrations require a different number of total credits. Note that since many programs had *emphases* before we switched to concentrations, we are not anywhere near in compliance in current practice.
        - Question 4:
            - APC Recommendation: Agree with recommendations:
        - Question 5:
            - APC Recommendation: Some majors do require minors.
        - Will continue discussion at next meeting.
    - CWG Appendix A.xlsx

<u>Comments to the Good of the Order</u>
<u>Adjournment 3:51pm</u>

Oscar Levin
Chair