

ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

Monday, November 11, 2024

2:30p.m. | UC Council Room

Minutes

Present: Allen, Benedict, Cieminski, Couch, de la Torre, Heiny, Kyle, Larson, Leatherman, Leonard, Matchett, Muller, Newman,

Zoom: Parker

Absent: Bermudez, Fryer, Paytoe Gbayee

Call to Order 2:30pm

Approval of the Agenda

One item added to the agenda – Grad council policy item

Approved without objection

Approval of the October 28, 2024, meeting minutes approved with the changes made by Nancy Matchett.

Announcements/Chair's Report (Newman) – I am continuing to work on the UG grader policies, an amorous relations policy and other items

Reports from Councils

Graduate Council (Cieminski) – Kyle indicated that the provost has questions/concerns about the Graduate School's use of AI in theses and dissertations policy. Specifically, they wonder if departments might disagree with it. AP might want to discuss this as an issue of academic freedom. Parker indicated that the policy works well for nursing (and potentially other departments) because it allows departments to make their own policies. General discussion suggested that a larger discussion of where policies are housed, and academic freedom issues might be valuable.

The group decided to follow up later (in the spring semester?) to explore how the university might create a policy library and/or guidelines about how policies are made and how they relate to each other. A policies meta-policy? In that discussion we can revisit the AI policy.

Liberal Arts Council (Muller) – We met on 11/5 and are working on a student survey and the review process for non-significant curriculum changes. We are working on LAC/GTP status for all courses

Professional Education Council (Paytoe Gbayee) – We now have a Vice Chair, Matt Seymour. Additionally the PEC is intending on adjusting language regarding the chair and vice chair language in the PEC bylaws when the bylaws get addressed in the spring semester. With the addition of a Vice Chair, the PEC voted in our October meeting to allow the Chair and Vice

Chair to move curriculum in the PEC's workflow through more quickly, unless we feel it needs to be addressed by the whole PEC.

Undergraduate Council (Larson) – No Report

Student Government Association (Bermudez) – No Report

Special Reports - none

Special Order - none

Unfinished Business

- **Curriculum Standards Recommendations** ([folder with documents](#))
 - [Programs affected by change AND some responses](#)
 - [Current program credit hour requirements](#)
 - [Drafted new language for the catalog](#)
 - [Working CWG document and recommendations](#)

Impacts on programs most affected by this policy change:

Jeffrey Brown spoke on behalf of Philosophy

Main points:

- 1) should the APC or members of non-affected departments be able to tell some departments what is best for their major?
- 2) Our requirements are in line with most philosophy programs. Overall our students are successful and we are meeting the needs of our students. Other CO schools have 27-33 credits for the major, so we match our peer institutions for major credits. We are not opposed to changes but would prefer to keep 30 credits for the major. Keeping a 30 credit major allows students to declare a major as a junior or later and to complete a double-major. We could do a move to more than 9 upper division credits but would want to phase that in.

Discussion: Do we want to write policy indicating that majors have 36 credits (possibly with exceptions) or move back to 30? Discussion led to a decision to keep the major required credits at 30. The draft policy will be revised accordingly.

Discussion: Will we require 15 upper division credits for each major? The committee supported keeping that number. The draft policy will be written accordingly.

The committee discussed the final points in the CWG working document and made recommendations.

- **Micro-credentials/badges** ([folder with documents](#))
 - [Draft Charge for Micro-credentials Review Committee](#)

Committee members should review this draft charge and add comments before our next meeting.

Kyle and Matchett suggested we add a dean to the committee and find someone who will lead this charge and be invested in the project.

- **Four-Day Final Exam schedule** ([folder with documents](#))
 - [Proposed Final Exam Rotation](#)
 - [Data on Final Exam Distributions with New Rotation](#)
 - [Final Exam Schedule resolution.docx](#)
 - [Faculty Senate resolution to support](#)

Committee members should review these documents and bring comments to our next meeting.

New Business

- **General Education Foundation Skills Credential (i.e., LAC “badge”)**
 - [CDHE recommendation](#)

Unfinished Business on hold

- **Academic Calendar: Fall Break**
 - [Comparison of CO Universities terms](#)
- **University Libraries Unit Organization**
 - [UL Proposed Organization](#)
- **NHS proposal for Undergraduate Grader**
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Comments to the Good of the Order

Adjournment

Harmony Newman
Chair

Minutes taken by Lauryn Benedict