

UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL

September 1, 2020, 3:30pm

Remote Meeting - Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Couch, Dineen, Franklin, Hawkinson, Matchett, McClatchey, Medina, Park, Rose, Somero, Thompson

Absent: Castro, Fitzpatrick, Fulton, Tucker, Withrow, Zukiewicz

Guest: Clavir

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:33pm.

Approval of Agenda

Approved without objection.

Approval of Minutes 04-14-20

Approved without objection.

Chair's Report/Announcements (Dineen)

- Members introduced themselves and discussed plans for the coming year.
 - Undergraduate Commencement student speaker selection
 - Revisiting ideas for annual program review
 - Reviewing existing policies affecting our undergraduate students, especially in the context of how the pandemic has impacted learning

Reports from Councils

- **LAC (Matchett)** – All UG programs must update their catalog narrative to reflect the changes in the new Liberal Arts Curriculum.
 - In regard to a question about the 120 credit hour exemptions, any programs that already have the exemption still have it.
- **Assessment Council (Park)** – The first meeting of the semester has yet to occur.

Special Reports

- **Board Policy and UGC bylaws introduction**
 - UGC updated its bylaws last year; they've been reviewed by Codification and returned for final approval.

MOTION: Franklin – It is moved to approve the UGC bylaws as presented.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

- **Academic Affairs update (Matchett)**
 - Academic Affairs is working on models to have the units of the former University College (such as Academic Community Engagement, Honors & Interdisciplinary Studies, etc.) work together and increase awareness/support for faculty and students in these programs.
 - Currently, these small units each report directly to Matchett.
 - We would like to form a taskforce with at least one faculty member from each college, program directors, and additional representation across

campus to engage in meaningful conversation about the programs in order to shape their future.

- UNC is one of three universities in Colorado to hold Carnegie Engagement Classification. We are examining what is needed to uphold status.
- It would be good to have UGC involvement in these matters, as UGC functions as the curriculum committee for interdisciplinary programs.
- The GOAL program provides students with intellectual/developmental disabilities an opportunity to attend UNC and work toward completion of a Comprehensive Higher Education Certificate. As the students take individually modified UNC courses, the credit is not intended to be applicable toward standard undergraduate degree programs.
 - A GOAL student has recently applied and been accepted through the regular Admission process, and the question has come up whether credit earned through the GOAL program could be applied toward regular degree requirements.
 - Catalog language concerning GOAL courses needs to be clarified.
- With the approval of the new student code of conduct (“BEAR Code”), there is a clause making it a requirement of faculty to report to the Dean of Students any instances of student academic misconduct. Centrally reporting incidents to the DOS will allow for monitoring of any repeat offenders. It is still at the discretion of the individual faculty member how to handle the matter and determine any penalty.
- The Academic Appeals Process has been updated. Professional advisors are looking for a way to communicate the policy information in a digestible way and make sure students and faculty are aware of the updates.
- In regard to a question about potential pay reductions for faculty and staff, the administration is not pursuing pay reductions at this time. The Salary Equity Committee is examining pay reduction models produced by the financial taskforce over Summer. However, there is no current plan to implement pay reductions.

Unfinished Business

New Business

- UGC representative to LAC (1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month)
- UGC representative to PEC (last Thursday of the month)

Please consider volunteering to serve. We will elect representatives next time.

Comments to the Good of the Order

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:47pm.

Rachel Dineen
Chair

Betsy Kienitz
Recording Secretary