ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE
Monday, December 5, 2022
2:30p.m. | Virtual (zoom)
MINUTES

Present: Benedict, Cieminski, Couch, Heiny, Jensen, Leonard, Levin, Mahovsky, Matchett, Muller, Parker, Senbet, Wieben

Absent:

Guests: LaSota

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 2:33

Approval of the Agenda
Approved without objection

Approval of the November 21, 2022 meeting minutes
Approved without objection

Announcements/Chair's Report
No report

Reports from Councils:
Graduate Council – One item on the agenda
Liberal Arts Council – We are finishing our reviews before the end of the term
Professional Education Council – We're going over a lot of curricula this week, including working on changes due to agreements with Community Colleges
Undergraduate Council – We approved some curriculum changes and McNair program updates at our last meeting
Student Senate – No report

Special Reports
None

Unfinished Business

- S/U Grading Option Policy

DISCUSSION:

What do programs who require a C or better do with S grades? This is a minority of programs. Those units will need policies that include a process to monitor this.
Will this be a problem for students who change majors as a matter of course, like Nursing students? No. The Health Sciences courses will be taken for a grade and then applied to their Nursing major.

What is a “S-”? Does that grade designation make sense? It’s an odd concept but it makes sense given transfer credit C- requirements and the fact that a D- is a passing grade.

What is the best process that allows students to request S/U grading for a course? We need a process that will check to make sure students follow the policy. This will be labor-intensive for the Registrar’s office.

It might be helpful to make a FAQs document to go with this for the Senate. There are a lot of questions that get raised every time we discuss this. The registrar’s office has a document like that from 2020 – they can modify that.

Should we also get a study of feasibility/cost so that if this is passed the registrar’s office can support it?

Levin pointed out that he made a change to allow a course taken once for a grade to be taken a second time S/U

MOTION: Move this forward to the Codification Committee Approved by unanimous voice vote.

- Program Review proposal

DISCUSSION: Levin gave an overview of a memo to Provost Fleming providing feedback on the Working Group’s Program Review process recommendations.

Matchett pointed out that the proposal doesn’t do a good job of distinguishing between Program review and Unit review.

MOTION: APC will send this memo to the provost. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

<u>New Business</u>

- Degree Conferral Policy (back from Codification)

DISCUSSION:

APC reviewed suggested changes from the codification committee and made a few more small edits.

MOTION: Move the edited version forward to Faculty Senate. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

- Late Add Policy (back from Codification)

DISCUSSION:

APC reviewed suggested changes from the codification committee, and approved them all.

MOTION: Move this version forward to Faculty Senate. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

- 799 Policy Update

DISCUSSION:

Benedict - I don’t think that 799 credits should be taken before advancement to candidacy – that's just my opinion though.

The other changes to the definition of full-time and part-time will help students a lot as well.

The graduate school is working with programs to consider other ways to adjust their programs as well.

MOTION: Move this forward to the Codification Committee. Approved by voice vote. 1 opposed.

Comments to the Good of the Order

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:38

Oscar Levin
Chair

Lauryn Benedict
Vice Chair & acting Recording Secretary