

ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

Monday, September 11, 2023

2:30p.m. | UC Council Room

Present: Allen, Benedict, Bailey, Cieminski, Couch, Heiny, de la Torre, Kang, Leatherman, Larson,
Leonard, Levin, Michell, Newman, Parker

Present via Zoom: Muller

Absent: LaSota, Matchett, Senbet, Wieben

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:33pm.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved without objection.

Approval of the August 28, 2023 meeting minutes

The minutes were approved without objection.

Announcements/Chair's Report (Levin): Some clarifications regarding UNC's academic calendar: Fall semester is 3 days shorter than Spring. The credit hour requirement is one hour of work in class, and two hours of work outside class, per credit hour per week for approximately fifteen weeks. No classes during Thanksgiving week would make meeting for the entire 2.5 hours during finals even more crucial (the current requirement that we do so already exists to ensure we meet credit hour requirements). Student Government Association will draft a formal proposal and bring it to APC.

Reports from Councils

Graduate Council (Cieminski): We held our first meeting and elected Gracie Gershwin as Chair. We will run a standards committee again, so we talked about potential speakers.

Liberal Arts Council (Muller): LAC held our Council Orientation Meeting on 8.29. LAC meets again 9.19 to work on our current semester goals; polishing the LAC website, updating bylaws and board policy to current practice, building an indirect assessment student survey and developing an internal process, and working on OER and low-cost LAC courses. Nancy Henke textbook affordability librarian and Oscar Levin representing UNC's AOER group will join our 9.19 LAC meeting.

Professional Education Council (Bailey): PEC has not met yet this semester because we did not have any curriculum to approve.

Undergraduate Council (Larson): UGC's first meeting is tomorrow. We will be working on the commencement speaker selection process. We are also hosting Loree Crow to talk about renaming research day.

Student Govude Special Reports

Special Order

Unfinished Business

- **Inclement Weather during Finals Week.** See last [year's document](#). [Cancellation of Finals Policy](#) document drafted by Levin

[Credit requirements](#) – How many credits need to be upper division credit hours? Concentration distinction? Should we consider concentration requirements for the major? We can look for ways to improve our curriculum process.

[Policy/process refinements](#) – Look at last year’s PEC policy on the curriculum process. There is concern about UNC not accepting some transfer credits. Should UNC have a minimum amount of credit hours required for a major or minor? We will need to distinguish stackable credentials and badges from other types of degrees. We will look at the current requirement that 50% of credit hours must be upper division (or 18 credits). There is a request to look at overlap rules again. Revamping this process will mean some units will need to revisit the structure of courses and course levels (check for balance). A policy like this would give clarity on how faculty might develop a new minor or further develop their program. How do we count licensure programs? (Bachelor’s Degree in Math + Licensure). Levin to talk with Matchett about the goals of refining UNC’s policy and curriculum process.

Comments to the Good of the Order: None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48pm.

Oscar Levin
Chair

Nina Phillips
Recording Secretary