

Educational Policy Committee Minutes

April 9, 2026

Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Marina Puzakova, Tom Hammond, Daniel Babcock, Derick Brown, Henry Odi, Erica Hoelscher, Joanna Mishtal, Khurram Hussain, Linda Bell, Lucy Napper, Michael Dills-Allen, Michael Gusmano, Naomi Rothman, Terry-Ann Jones, Todd Watkins, Kelly Austin, Lori McClaind, Amanda Baran, Olivia Grimes

Notes

- Approval of last meeting's minutes (March 26, 2026)
- Discussion and approval of courses
 - MATH 373 - consider pausing this approval, due to questions around the structure at the grad level → decided not to for now to not hold up the undergraduate offerings for the fall, though it may have to be changed in the future.
 - All courses approved
- Discussion and approval of programs
 - Discussed new Sports Analytics minor and courses in detail
 - All programs approved
- R&P 3.6.1
 - Suggestion to add a timeframe to sub-point 1, which was previously discussed and decided it was not need
- R&P 3.6.2 Special Topics
 - Suggested that someone outside of the college should approve special topics courses to maintain external accountability
 - Discussed issues regarding turnaround time for Special Topics courses approval, which is why Associate Deans are the current approver
 - In order for Ed Pol to be involved in approval process, meeting date would have to be on a very specific Thursday
 - Decided to leave it as is due to issues with timeliness for outside approval
- R&P 3.6
 - Motion to approve all changes in red. Approved.
- R&P 3.8.4
 - Changes to text in yellow:
 - Changed panel to Student Conduct Committee
 - Changes to text in red:
 - Changed grade to course grade
 - Changed University Committee on Discipline to Student Conduct Committee
 - Motion to approve changes. Approved.
- R&P 3.2.5 Attendance

- Lori McClaind provided a comprehensive review of the challenges of the current policy, and general issues that have resulted, as expressed by the Health Center, professors, and students
- Policy 3.2.5 subpoint 1
 - Bereavement Leave should be explicit
- Policy 3.2.5 subpoint 2
 - Needs more specificity as to when an absence form should be submitted
 - Suggested that a heavy weighted grade is > 10%
- Discussion will be continued at the next meeting

Minutes recorded by Amanda Baran