

Educational Policy Committee Minutes  
March 2, 2022, 3-4:20pm  
Williams 351

**In Attendance:** Mary Beth Deily (COB, chair); Linda Bell (RAS); Lori McClaind (DOS); Wenxin Liu (RCEAS); Susan Szczepanski (CAS); Paolo Bocchini (RCEAS); Duncan Shober-Fernback (student, RCEAS); Erica Hoelscher (COH); Henry Odi (Equity & Community/DIE); Ginny McSwain (CAS); Katrina Zalatan (COB); Nobuko Yamasaki (CAS); Steven Wilson (Registrar, secretary).

**1. Approval of Minutes from meeting of February 16, 2022**

Approved.

Chair offered offered a clarifying amendment to the Feb. 2 EdPol Committee Minutes. As suggested by Szczepanski, amendment was to item 3 (“**CAS Proposal to change Environmental Studies program code from ES to EVST**”), as follows: strike sentences re: CAS curriculum changes, and confirm that vote was to approve change of subject code ES to EVST. This was accepted by the committee.

As amended, the item summary is as follows:

*This change was discussed at a previous meeting (Dec. 1, 2021). The formal proposal would be to implement the new curriculum in time for the Fall 2023 term. There are remaining concerns about the “ripple” effects of the changes on other colleges and programs, but the committee members supported the proposal. The committee voted to support the subject code change of ES to EVST.*

**2. Announcements (Deily)**

Chair-elect discussion: Salerni (CAS) will assume chair for AY 22-23; the Chair-elect for AY 23-24 is to be named in a future meeting, no later than the last spring meeting.

Report from Board of Trustees meeting, subcommittee on academic affairs: admission numbers are strong for early decision for fall 2022; graduate student support will be getting more resources (although this is unspecified).

**3. R&P 3.7.3.1 Final Examinations, and R&P 3.7.3.2 Makeups for final Examinations**

Deily presents previous draft revision (#2, attached). General discussion by committee member leads to minor edits. For example, Szczepanski proposed clarifying language with regard to 3-hour time blocks for exams (which are set by registrar).

Committee voted to approve as amended. Deily will finalize edits as discussed, and will send to Faculty Senate for review and action.

#### **4. Section 3.2.4 Roster of Studies**

This section indicates that a student with a GPA less than 2.5 should be limited to 17 credits. Limits are only set on first year students; question is, should this limit be formally changed to 18 credits (as has been the actual practice for the past 20 years, per Bell of RAS)? It was noted that Banner can only be limited by GPA manually.

Members discuss generally. Should GPA and limits be adjusted? Who should decide?

Student representative asked for rationale for limiting FYS to 17 SCH? It is noted that this may cause difficulties for students with challenging academic plans, i.e., dual-degree programs or multiple majors, and that the university encourages those ambitious students. This student rep himself had to enroll in a summer class to remain on track.

Members who are UADs discuss how limit is used (positively as well as negatively) in SOS decision-making and during key points in advising. UADs offer to discuss the issue with FYS advisors. Options are: to leave at 17 for FYS; to leave at 17, but ADs will be more open to approval of 18; or, to switch to 18 for all.

UADs will report and the topic will be discussed further at a future meeting.

#### **5. Section 3.2.7 Cross Registration with Other Institutions or Organizations**

Currently, this section suggests courses be reviewed by Ed Pol.

Various members support replacing this section with information outlined in the catalog.

Deily will revise language for further discussion at a future meeting.

**Adjourned at 4:15 PM**