

Educational Policy Committee Minutes

March 23, 2022, 3-4:20pm

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In Attendance: Mary Beth Deily (COB, chair); Linda Bell (RAS); Wenxin Liu (RCEAS); Paul Salerni (CAS); Ray Pearson (RCEAS); Susan Szczepanski (CAS); Paolo Bocchini (RCEAS); David Peng (COB); Duncan Shober-Fernback (student, RCEAS); Henry Odi (Equity & Community); Ryan Gogerty (Student, COB); Ginny McSwain (CAS); Katrina Zalatan (COB); Brook Sawyer (COE); Jennifer Jensen (Provost office); Steven Wilson (Registrar, secretary).

1. Approval of Minutes from meeting of March 2, 2022

Approved.

2. Announcements (Deily)

Deily noted the following: there are three remaining meetings scheduled during the spring 2022 term; one of those meetings will include a summary of the DIE plan by Odi; and, committee business is TBD for the other meetings.

3. Course proposal from College of Education, TLT 369: Applied Geospatial Tools^[L]_[SEP]

Sawyer discussed the proposal (attached). The process for accommodating the required cross listing within CIM was questioned; Wilson noted that any ambiguities in CIM can be clarified, and that discussion should not hold up approval of this course. Committee members vote to approve; however, implementation will be held until the ES to EVST transition is completed.

4. Section 3.2.7 Cross Registration with Other Institutions or Organizations.

Deily summarized the proposed revision (attached). Members vote to approve. ^[L]_[SEP]

5. Section 3.2.4 Roster of Studies^[L]_[SEP]

Proposed revision (attached) is to allow first semester students to register for up to 17 credits, and all other students up to 18 credits, without seeking overload approval.

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Discussion among committee members. Deily shared that several ADs had discussed the proposal with their teams, and report that the current system works well. As example, the ADs and advisors are able to use the existing limits “to rein in the go getters” before they overcommit themselves and potentially damage their own prospects for success. Student representatives again noted experience of being blocked by the limits. Question is raised whether Music courses taken for zero credit would remain a common exception?

Deily proposed “piecemeal” vote: strike the section that members agree is not working as designed, and ADs commit to take petitions for exception more seriously in the future. This is agreed to, and Deily will revise and return proposal for a vote at a future meeting.

6. Multiple BA degrees from different Colleges

Discussion of the basis for the customary practice that limited students to a single BA in a single college. The differences between dual degrees, double majors, etc. is described.

Before the establishment of COH, only CAS offered a BA, and CAS students may satisfy multiple majors but earn only one BA degree. Does this understanding change now that BAs are offered by two separate colleges? Specifically, can the university allow a student to earn multiple BA degrees (i.e., dual BA degrees), as long as they are from separate colleges (such as CAS/HMS and COH/POCH)?

The committee agreed that flexibility on this issue would benefit the student, and directed the Registrar interpret any rules on this issue to support the sense expressed by EdPol.

Adjourned at 4:15 PM