

Educational Policy Committee Minutes
Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 3:00 PM

Attendance: Frank Gunter (Chair); Mary Beth Deily (COB); Katrina Zalatan (COB); Henry Odi (DEI); Ginny McSwain (CAS); Linda Bell (RAS); Susan Szczepanski (CAS); Lori McClaind (SA); Sabrina Jedlicka (RCEAS); Brenden Huegel (student, RCEAS); Tong Soon Lee (CAS); Brook Sawyer (COE); Eduardo Gomez (COH); Hal Skinner (COH); Natasha Vermaak (RCEAS); Paul Salerni (CAS); Paolo Bocchini (RCEAS); Santiago Delgado (student, CAS); Nicholas Coscarelli (graduate student, CAS); Matt Hornung (student, COB); Steven Wilson (Registrar, committee secretary).

1. Approve minutes of September 23rd Meeting

Approved without amendment.

2. Schedule course and curriculum meeting for 3 PM on Wednesday, October 14th (Gunter)

Confirmation of date by Gunter.

3. C&C changes approved on September 30th (Gunter)

Summary by Gunter.

4. Proposed revision to **R&P 3.10 Scholastic Probation** to include a new category called “Scholastic Warning” and to revise the probation standard for students with less than 19 credits (Gunter)

Summary by Gunter of the attached proposal. Editorial corrections and suggestions by various members are discussed and accepted. Without objection, Gunter will incorporate the recommended changes, and share (a.k.a., Version 13) with the committee for consideration and electronic vote ahead of the next meeting.

5. Provost challenges (August 26, 2020 Ed Pol Meeting)
 - a. Polls question value of higher education. What can Lehigh do?
 - b. What can Lehigh do to meet the challenges of diversity, equity, and inclusion?
 - c. Covid-19 issues including online learning, non-traditional students, and value of residential experience?

Gunter opens discussion of diversity, equity, and inclusion at Lehigh, raises question regarding costs vs. benefits of acting to improve Lehigh, or just changing image through symbols?

Discussion by various members of the committee. Conversation will continue apace.

Adjourned 4:30 PM.

The following items listed below will be carried forward for discussion at next meeting.

6. Discussion of Student Senate proposal to allow each student to miss one week's worth of classes without penalty.
7. R&P Section 3 clean-up.
 - a. **R&P 3.2.1 Changes in Curricula and Courses:** correct approval route?
 - b. **R&P 3.8.1 Definitions of Grades:** add CR/DCR/NCR?
 - c. **R&P 3.8.4 Drop/Add Period:** change withdrawal date from 11th to 12th week?
 - d. **R&P 3.14.3 P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science:** is HSS requirement still relevant?
8. Should there be a policy on notetaking/homework assistance sites such as Chegg and Bartleby? (Jensen)
9. Discussion of online teaching standards and evaluation.
10. HU/SS designation for external internships (Szczepanski)
11. Proposed revision to **R&P 3.7.3.1 Final Examinations** for cases where an emergency requires the cancelation of scheduled final exams. (Guest: Brian Chen)
12. Discussion of necessity for a written policy regarding excuses from exams due to athletic competitions.
13. Discussion of whether there should be a limit on the number of credentials a student should be permitted to earn. (RAS)