

Educational Policy Committee Minutes April 24th, 2025, Fully Virtual

Attended Committee members: Fathima Wakeel, Derick Brown, Ahmed Rahman, Corrie Vakil, Derick Brown, Henry Odi, Katie Radande, Kelly Austin, Linda Bell, Lori McClaind, Marina Puzakova, Michael Dills-Allen, Nandini Deo, Naomi Rothman, Terry-Ann Jones, Wenyan Feng, Michaela Ott, Joanna Mishal

1. Minutes of April 10th approved with two changes (presented in italics below):

1st: "Board of trustees and presidents and deans making hard choices they should not have to make because of external pressure"

2nd: "Faculty may be inclined to be biased towards their own department as associate deans are equitable to all their departments. Faculty are elected by their colleges while associate deans are appointed by deans."

2. Curriculum Proposal / C&C subcommittee

- a) Majority of proposals came from CAS, reflect general housekeeping, cleaning up.
- b) Handful of course deactivations of courses not intended to be taught again.
- c) 12-13 program proposals.
- d) Couple of courses from business and engineering, business analytics major and a couple of minors. There had been some new electives that were added to the program that weren't in the plan of study grid as elective options.
- e) There was a proposal from the integrated business and health program
- f) There was a program proposal for ideas.
- g) There was a proposal from the integrated business and health program, adding integrated to the title and specifying matriculation approaches for that program.

3. Update about the change to the program shell:

- a) College pages have landing pages in the catalog that are not in the CIM workflow. Changes to those pages go through the same workflow process, even though doesn't exist in CIM.
- b) Changes in the College of Arts and Sciences distribution requirements. The humanities broken out into 2 categories of human experience and arts and language, a linguistic change.

4. Announcement of chair-elect: Daniel Babcock, College of Arts and Sciences

5. Updates on proposed revisions to 3.10 (Scholastic Probation) and

Updates on proposed revisions to 3.1.2 (Scheduling of Classes)
Both proposals were shared with Faculty Senate, no further updates.

6. Discussion of R&P 1.3.2.1 revision (Educational Policy Committee) and voting results regarding AD voting
 - a) Discussion will continue as no consensus was reached. A new pole (we agreed that it is not a vote) will be sent only to faculty members, Associate Deans (AD) will not be voting. A qualitative option will be added. The most important criterion is that everyone is being heard. It is hoped that findings from this poll provide a more nuanced assessment of faculty perceptions and better inform the discussion about EdPol membership moving forward.
 - b) Some points were discussed that removing some voices of AD removes some voices from faculty. The issue will most likely not be solved this year.
7. Discussion of revision of R&P 3.21.1 and 3.21.1.1 (4+1 proposed policy) (Michael Dills-Allen)
 - a) Update: GRC approved the language.
 - b) The rationale was shared and discussed.
 - c) The revision will be sent to the Senate.
 - d) This will take effect before November 2025.
8. Discussion of R&P 3.2.5 (Attendance policy) (Lori McClaind)
 - a) The current policy was highlighted.
 - b) The current practices (e.g., significant health issues, family matters, situations with no documentation) and challenges (situations with no documentation and inconsistencies in how absences are handled in class) were highlighted.
 - c) Opportunities were discussed: guidance on how to address specific types of absences, more clearly define the types of absences, giving students clarity on any flexibility, to allow for more efficiency in administering the policy in DOS.
 - d) Another opportunity—invite students to share their experiences.
 - e) Faculty experiences were shared.
 - f) Possible benchmarking was discussed.
9. Discussion of R&P 3.6 - Need clarification that special topics are a form of provisional class as this is being used as a work around in some areas. (Michael Dills-Allen)
 - a) Department experiences were discussed.

- b) An additional section is desired to be present in terms of what the special topic course is.

10. Discussion of R&P 3.7.2 (Common Hour Exams) (Request from Faculty Senate attached)

- a) Reviewed a note from Senate.
- b) Uncertainty regarding how many classes would request a common-hour exam if the restriction of 100 is lifted was discussed. It was tabled until further information is collected.

11. Discussion about R&P 3.7.1 (Final examinations) (Derrick)

- a) Clarifications were added that final papers, presentations, or other graded assignments could take place during the final week.
- b) The committee voted on the change.
- c) The implementation date was added as Fall 2025.
- d) The change is being moved forward to Faculty Senate.