

Educational Policies Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 8, 2024 12:00 PM-1:00 PM

In attendance:

Co-chairs

Andrea Need, O'Neill School

Brian Winterman, Libraries

Mehmet Dalkilic

Luddy School of Informatics

Kelly Eskew

Kelley School

Katie Silvester

English

Vasti Torres

Vice Provost for Undergrad Education (Ex officio)

Barbara Hocevar

Public Health

Nancy Magill

Biology

Greg Siering

CITL

1. Approved minutes from January meeting.
2. Update on BFC first reading re: Maximizing Classroom Usage and Updating the Bloomington Calendar Principles Policy (ACA-H21) (attached) Andrea, Mike 5 min.

Andrea updated the committee on the first reading. There were questions at BFC about back-to-back classes and timeline of implementation. There will be a vote at the next BFC meeting on Feb 13.

3. Update on the **Draft** Policy on Academic Standing for Undergraduate Students Submitted on behalf of the Undergraduate Academic Council (attached)

Vasti introduced a draft and the background and rationale. There is a variety of terminology and procedures used among schools so there is a need to establish a baseline and a standardized terminology to help eliminate confusion among administrators and advisors. Vasti went over the contents of the draft. There are still points that need to be clarified and discussions will continue. Andrea discussed some of the points that need further clarification and the rationale for some of the terminology changes.

Memo asked whether more language could be added for more specific procedures, and Andrea said there would be a separate document to describe procedures.

Eskew asked about what triggers alerts. Siering had a question about ensuring consistency for a student's experience in the process. One member found the language about dismissal confusing, and that the consequences are not clear. There was discussion of how long students might remain in a status.

The goal is to have a vote at the next meeting. Vasti said there will be additional discussions about first year students.

4. Questions/comments

Updates from Vasti: The academic advising report went out; She is hoping BFC will take up the issue of First Year Seminars, but noted that schools want no more credit hours; The Experiential Learning group is working on refining definitions and processes.