

Educational Policies Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 9, 2023 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

Rebekah Sheldon

English

Katie Silvester

English

Vasti Torres

Vice Provost for Undergrad Education (Ex officio)

Con Deliyannis

Astronomy

Barbara Hocevar

Public Health

Nancy Magill

Biology

Greg Siering

CITL

1. Approve minutes from the October meeting (Brian)

Minutes unanimously approved.

2. Initial look at First Year Seminar proposal (Vasti Torres 30 minutes)

Introduction of the proposal by VPUE Vasti Torres followed by preliminary questions and discussion of policy implications. Vasti provided the First Year Seminar document to deans asking for formative feedback to be provided back to the FYS Working Group and then a policy will be developed. There was discussion as to how/where the FYS would fit in with IU policy system. A suggestion was made to place under Common Ground, but with its own separate category. There is a need to identify existing courses offered by units which would be reviewed to see if they could meet the requirements for the FYS. The plans are for a phased in approach-first phase for Fall 2024 and then Spring 2025.

3. Changes to Grading Policy (Andrea & Brian 15 minutes)

The UFC made numerous changes to IU's grading policies. Now, we need to decide if and how to amend Bloomington's grading policies. A potential concern was that UFC has made policy changes without proper review or approval and that the changes were overreaching and restrictive. The approach will be to bring forward several pages at a time and revise section by section as it is a lengthy document. We would also recommend changes to UFC that we feel are not appropriate or applicable to IUB.

[Grades and Grading: Policies: University Policies: Indiana University \(iu.edu\)](https://iu.edu/grades-grading)—This is IU's ACA-66 Grades and Grading

- a. [Grades and Grading: Policies: Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty & Academic Affairs: Indiana University Bloomington](#)-This is BL's ACA-H30 Grades and Grading
4. Update on changes to reporting misconduct and the definition of cheating (Andrea 5 minutes)

Andrea updated the committee on the policy on misconduct reporting only when cheating definition of "significant" and a proposal to simplify the complicated changes to the definition of cheating. Andrea is gathering student input to bring back to IUB student committees which will then go back to UFC.

5. Consider language change for email that comes from Registrar when a student takes an Incomplete (Mike Carroll 2 minutes)

Mike has looked into updating the email to student and faculty when an Incomplete grade is given and will update the committee next month.

6. Update on Online Course Questionnaire Task Force Report (Andrea 2 minutes)

The change to the OCQ of using only two narrative questions is being brought forward to the BFC Exec Committee to ask about next steps.