

Annual Report of the Academic Policies Committee

Academic Year 2023-2024

Committee Membership

Emma Witt	Chair (2022–2024)
Robin Hernandez-Mekonnen	Vice Chair (2023–2024)
Sharon Musher	ARHU (2023–2025)
Christian Ehiobuche	BUSN (2023–2025)
Dana Grasso	EDUC (2023–2025)
Geoffrey Gust	GENS (2023–2025)
George DeFeis	Graduate Studies and Union Representative (2023–2025)
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Pam Kosick	NAMS (2023–2025)
Kimberley Schanz	SOBL (2023–2025)
Amy Beth Glass	Associate Provost for Academic Affairs (Provost designee)
Robert Gregg	Dean, School of General Studies & Graduate Education
Amanda Norvell	Dean of NAMS (Provost appointee)

The Academic Policies Committee (APC) met six times during AY 23-24. We reviewed five procedures, two policies, and one policy-procedure pair (Table 1).

Of the items reviewed by APC this academic year, **Policy II-13 Student-Load Categories** took the most time. In summary, APC requested and received data from Institutional Research relating to GPA and credits attempted. After initial APC discussion, the APC chair attended a meeting of the Student Affairs standing committee, where it was agreed that additional data would be helpful. APC got that data from IR and assessed it. Further APC discussions were had and a draft report sent to Senate exec. This will be discussed at the May Senate retreat. APC anticipates final recommendations for this policy and its procedure partner to be the first items considered in Fall 2024.

The second major item of discussion in APC this year was **Procedure 6120 Faculty Leave and Attendance**. This was discussed at multiple APC meetings including with the faculty who requested the procedure review. After many drafts, a suggested revision has been sent to the Senate Executive Committee with a recommendation that the Union review before additional actions are taken.

The remaining items reviewed by APC were minor revisions and efficiently moved through the Senate approval process. There were several items from last academic year that we expect follow up on at the start of next academic year (Table 2).

The chair thanks all committee members their excellent work this year as well as the faculty and other guests who came to APC meetings to share with us and help inform our decisions.

Table 1: Items reviewed by the Academic Policies Committee in Academic Year 2023-2024

Policy/Procedure Number	Title	APC Action	Status
Procedure 1095	Guidelines for Administration, Application, Distribution and Reporting of State Appropriated Research and Professional Development Funds	Approved edits and forwarded to Senate (September)	Approved by Senate (October)
Policy II-13*	Student-Course Load Categories	Report submitted to Senate	Up for discussion at Senate Retreat
Procedure 2011	Academic Tutoring Center	Approved edits and forwarded to Senate (October)	Approved by Senate (December)
Procedure 2001	Emeritus/Emerita/Emerit Status	Approved edits and forwarded to Senate (October)	Approved by Senate (December)
Policy II-70			
Procedure 6350	Managing Conflicts of Interest	Heard report from Dr. Joe Cronin and OSRP (December)	None
Procedure 6120*	Faculty Leave and Attendance	Held multiple discussions and came up with suggested revisions (March)	Sent to Senate Exec with recommendation of Union review (April)
Policy II-22	Posthumous Degree	Approved edits and forwarded to Senate (January)	Approved by Senate (February)
Procedure 2060	Terminal Degree Equivalency	Approved edits and forwarded to Senate (March)	Up for discussion at Senate Retreat

*Faculty requested review

Table 2: Summary of items remaining from Academic Year 2022-2023.

Item	Action
Recommendation to form attribute task force	Task force formed, initial discussions expected at May 2024 Senate Retreat
Procedure 2031 Skills Competency	Data will be gathered over the summer to inform revisions at start of next AY
Grade Replacement	Data will be requested for a report at start of next AY
Academic Honesty	Plan to revisit in Fall 2024 following recommendations of AI Task Force.
Procedure 2021 Administration of Credit by Examination	Fast tracked and approved in May 2023 Senate Retreat
Procedure 2032 Undergraduate Transfer Credit	Fast tracked and approved in May 2023 Senate Retreat
Procedure 2200 Education Abroad	Fast tracked and approved in May 2023 Senate Retreat
Procedure 2035 Accessible Course Design and Instruction	No action taken in May 2023 Senate Retreat