

Academic Policies Committee

Minutes

4 April 2017

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**In Attendance:** Anne Barnhart, Emily Hipchen, Ajith DeSilva, Cheryl O. Brown, Shelly Elman, Sally Richter, Rob Kilpatrick, David Jenks, Jennifer Heidorn, Matthew George, Emily McKendry-Smith

The meeting began at 12:03 PM.

- I. Minutes
  - a. The minutes from the 17 February 2017 meeting were approved with the correction that Ajith DeSilva's name be added to those in attendance.
- II. Hardship Withdrawal Policy
  - a. Update on changes made by Rules Committee; these changes appear in the Faculty Senate October 14, 2016 and February 24, 2017 minutes.
- III. Update from Minors/Sharing Courses subcommittee
  - a. Sharing of courses in Area F is acceptable under current policy. We are currently following this practice. The chair or the advisor can send a request to the registrar.
  - b. Issue of sharing courses between Area F and a major; we interpret the current policy text as allowing sharing.
- IV. Online student evaluations for summer courses
  - a. Shelly Elman will send David Jenks the APC minutes in which course evaluations for summer and Maymester were discussed.
  - b. The issue of online course evaluations may be coming back via the USG.
- V. Item from LEAP Service Learning subcommittee and Office of Community Engagement – designating a course in Banner as service learning
  - a. Discussion of how this worked for WAC courses.
  - b. UWG will be switching to Banner 9 by April 2018.
  - c. Can also designate courses as service learning in Argos or EAB APS.
  - d. David Jenks recommends exploring all options.
  - e. Could also add a designation note at the bottom of the course through the course scheduler.
- VI. Foreign Languages and Literatures credit by exam policy
  - a. Students can take the placement exam and then purchase credits if they receive at least a B.
  - b. Clarify that, to buy credits, needs to be a UWG course taught by one of our faculty, not eCore.

- VII. New Business
  - a. Emily McKendry-Smith will continue to serve as APC chair for 2017-2018.
  - b. Discussion of textbook costs and Affordable Learning Georgia
    - i. This is a Catch-22, as students do better with open source resources, but bookstore proceeds benefit student scholarships.
  - c. Update on budget info from the BOR
  
- VIII. The meeting adjourned at 1:09 PM.