

**Minutes**  
**COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES**  
**October 25, 2010**  
**3:00 – 5:00 P.M. 230 Student Services Building**

Present: S. McMullin, (Chair); D. Zahm; M. Leung; S. Case for R. Benson; C. Meier; S Sumner for A. Grant; J. Browder for J. Davis; J. Sible for L. Chang; M. Denbow; M. Cardman; J. Penven; R Holloway for S. Rowland; J. Rankin for K. DePauw; D. Stauffer for P. Winistorfer; T. Campbell;

Absent with Notification: D. Thorp for D Wubah; A. Walker; A. Hawthorne; R. Panneton;

Absent without notification: G. Schurig; D. Russell; G. Kelly; S. Taheri; A. Studley; C. Clemenz for R. Sorensen;

Visitors: W. Ashton; M. Maloney; T. Ogle

**Call to Order and Announcements**

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm by Steve McMullin, Chair.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

**Approval of CUSP minutes**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the CUSP minutes of 10-11-10, the motion passed unanimously.

**Reports from Commission Committees/Sub-Committees**

**Committee on Undergraduate Curricula**

Steve McMullin presented the report of the Committee on Undergraduate Curricula meeting of October 8, 2010. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Committee on Undergraduate Curricula report of October 8, 2010 as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

**For “First and Second Reading”  
Unanimous Approval**

**New Courses Effective Spring 2011**

**College of Natural Resources**

GEOG 2505-2506: Weather Analysis

GEOG 3504: Severe Weather

GEOG 4504: Synoptic Meteorology

**University Commencement Committee**

Jill Sible presented the University Commencement Committee minutes of October 6, 2010. The motion was made and seconded to accept the University Commencement Committee minutes of October 6, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

**University Athletic Committee**

Jamie Penven presented the University Athletics Committee minutes of April 1, 2010 and September 28, 2010. It was pointed out that there are several typos that need to be fixed. There was discussion about the new parking garage; committee members wanted to know if Athletics helped fund building costs for the garage since they profit from it during football games. Athletics will report back with an answer. With this modification, the motion was made and seconded to accept the University Athletic Committee minutes of April 1, 2010 and September 28 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

**Other Business**

Steve McMullin asked Mike Denbow to provide an update of the activities of the Academic Policy Committee. Mike reported that the committee is tackling several issues including but not limited to:

- 1) The policy that only 10% of students' credit hours to graduate are allowed to be pass/fail, and the issues it creates with transfer credits that are considered pass/fail.
- 2) Exploring whether CIE credit should be accepted and how to accept AP and IB credit going forward.
- 3) The requirements necessary for a student to graduate with a second degree.
- 4) How many times a student may unsuccessfully attempt course.
- 5) The maximum amount of times a student may change their major or minor.
- 6) An academic eligibility tracking system that will allow advisors to note a particularly bad semester and step in to assist a student before the cumulative GPA suffers. For

example, a student with a high GPA may have several bad semesters before their overall GPA drops to a point to cause an alert.

Mike stated that he has a personal interest in revisiting the “late drop” rule. The committee is investigating the return of dropping by the end of the first semester of the sophomore year.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 pm

Submitted by,  
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