



SACRAMENTO STATE

Faculty Senate

ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

Friday, October 1, 2021
2:00pm – 3:30pm

<https://csus.zoom.us/j/84707031069> (Meeting ID: 847 0703 1069)

MEMBERS

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of the Agenda

3. Open Forum

Brief period for members to raise issues related to the committee charge that are not on the meeting's agenda

4. Agenda Items

a. [Excused absence policy](#) -- Update

From Senate Exec 9/21/2021 -- Provost Perez sent an email to department chairs and directors on Monday 9/20 clarifying that there is not policy about what faculty can or can't ask for in terms of verifying an excused absence due to serious illness. However, the recommendation is that faculty not ask for medical documentation because asking for this may overburden medical providers and/or put the student at risk – noting that Sac State Student Health and Counseling Center would not be able to manage the volume of providing medical documentation for students. So...the question is what should faculty be doing to “verify” excused absences? Faculty should take the students’ word – recommendation is to not ask for a documented verification – make the *reasonable* accommodation – however note that the policy does not allow/disallow a faculty member from asking for documentation to verify an absence. Also remember there are other options too such as an I and WU.

The excused absence policy takes into account exceptional circumstances, religious holidays are not considered exceptional circumstances and faculty should follow the [Religious Observance Policy](#)

b. [Objectives that are part of GE requirements](#) -- Update

From Senate Exec 9/21/2021 – The Faculty Senate Exec will work on a referral to the GE/GR Committee to review learning objectives (ensuring they are measurable) and review language. However, the Executive Committee did recognize that within the [Race/Ethnicity objectives](#) learning objective/outcome #4 included offensive language (“Includes an examination of such factors as race, class...sexual preference, and how these shape the ethnic experience in the United States.” – noting that sexual preference suggests that being gay, lesbian, or bisexual is voluntary or a choice. The Faculty Senate Exec committee (on behalf of themselves) recommended that the President and Provost change LO#4 immediately. President and Provost are going to work with subject matter experts to revise LO #4 and will likely send messaging within the semester.

Also, if a decision is made regarding curriculum approval at the University level that you disagree with, you, the author of the curriculum can appeal the decision using the [GE Appeal Process](#)

c. Grading Policy

Adjournment



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Fall 2021: Sept 3 (canceled) and 17, Oct 1 and 15, Nov 5 and 19, Dec 3

Spring 2022: Feb 4 and 18, March 4 and 18, April 1 and 15, May 6