



SACRAMENTO STATE

Faculty Senate

ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

Friday, November 5, 2021

2:00pm – 3:30pm

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

MEMBERS , ATTENDED

Amber M. Gonzalez, Undergrad Studies, CoE
(Chair)

James Fox, Library, LIB

Brandon Carey, Philosophy, A&L

Ali Behzadan, Math & Stats, NSM

Tara Sharpp, Nursing, HHS

Raul Tadle, Economics, SSIS

Won Jung Kim, Accounting

Denys Brand, Psychology, SSIS

Matt Block, Physics and Astronomy, NSM

NON-VOTING/EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS , ATTENDED

Steven Salcido, Student Affairs, AVP for Enrollment and Student Services

James (Jim) German, Dean of Undergraduate Studies

Justin Gaulke, University Staff Assembly

Robert Gonzalez, Associated Students Inc, Undergraduate Representative

NON-VOTING GUESTS, ATTENDED

Michelle Faul, Associate Registrar

AGENDA

1. Called to Order, 2:00pm

2. Agenda, approved

3. Minutes, approved

October 1, 2021, approved

October 15, 2021, approved

4. Open Forum

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



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[Drop & Withdrawal Policy](#) – according to this policy an instructor can *refuse* to allow a student to drop or withdraw from a course. The policy also has binary pronouns that need to be changed. Gonzalez will address with senate executive.

UARTP policies – the classification of performance ratings is very inconsistent across colleges/departments. Gonzalez can take to UARTP.

Graduation and 85 units – is there a reason that it can't be 80 units? Faul and Salcido will discuss with Registrar

Is there an exception to 120 units, meaning can a student request an exception to graduate with 119 units – no, there is no exception. They can take a 1-unit elective at a community college or a one unit independent study (e.g., 199) but there is not exception, a student must have completed 120 units to graduate.

According to EO 1037 a student can only have 18 withdraw units.

5. Agenda Items

a. Grading Policy

Continued discussion about the addition of the A+ grading system. ASI does not currently support the proposal as the grade point average (GPA) units do not differ between an A and an A+. Transcripts indicate what the grading system at Sac State is so no student should be expected to earn an A+ however, many graduate school programs do not look at GPA and expect to see an A+ grading system or an A+ grade (students with A+ may have more/different opportunities than students that are only offered an A grading system). Other CSUs use the A+ grading system (in addition to UCs and other reputable colleges and universities). Faculty will not be *required* to use the A+ grading system.

Consensus was not met – Gonzalez noted that a vote will need to occur at next meeting.

Graduate student grades – Gonzalez will reach out to Newsome to discuss

b. [Excused absence policy](#) -- tabled

Adjourned, 3:30pm



APC meets 1st and 3rd Fridays, from 2:00 – 3:30 pm via Zoom

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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