

Academic Policy Committee

Minutes

February 26, 2026

Present: Mari Clements, MacKenzie Petry, Jeff Bryson, Larry Baker, Sarah Nale, Wesley Kephart, Brian Perkins, Amanda Chapman, Gregory Lieving, Aleta Rader, Shaleigh Littleton (proxy for Rebekah Hypes)

Absent: Shalika Silva, Rebekah Hypes (Shaleigh Littleton served as proxy)

Guests: Ann Reed, Rachel Adams

Approval of Minutes:

- Wesley provided updates for the February 12th minutes. Wesley motioned to approve the minutes as amended, MacKenzie seconded. Brian, Greg, and Aleta abstained. Motion passed.

Old Business

Transcripts

- Ann added information to the transcript policy to include information for transcript requests for deceased students
- Larry motioned to approve, Greg seconded. Motion passed

New Business

Accelerated Degree Programs

- This is a new policy since an Accelerated program is being proposed
- Rachel drafted the policy information based on discussions with Graduate Council and the department faculty (for the Accelerated MBA program)
- The committee recommended adding how many hours would mean sophomore status vs. junior status
- Larry asked about graduate assistant eligibility, and the committee recommended adding additional information about graduate assistants
- Wesley motioned to approve the policy as amended, Larry seconded. Motion passed
- Rachel will update the policy and send it to Curriculum Committee, and then it will be sent to Faculty Senate

Academic Programs/Concentration Definition

- Since the institution approved offering concentrations again, the Academic Programs section of the catalog needed to include a definition of a concentration
- Rachel and Ann drafted the definition language
- Wesley motioned to approve, Aleta seconded. Motion passed

Admission & Statement of Catalog Policy

- The University currently has a student in active duty, but there is no policy information in the catalog
- There was no information regarding re-admits or for active service members
- The institution required to re-admit service members at the same status as they were when they, and must charge them the same tuition rate as when they left (for the first year back)
- The summer semester is included for re-admit students, but not suspended students
- The committee tabled this discussion until Ann can research and update the document

Unofficial Withdrawals

- Ann updated/defined information
- Slight updates were made to the wording
- This was tabled until more discussion could take place

Adjournment: Amanda adjourned the meeting at 1:23 p.m.

Ashley Nicholas

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