

Academic Policy Committee

Minutes

January 15, 2026

Present: Mari Clements, MacKenzie Petry, Larry Baker, Sarah Nale, Wesley Kephart, Brian Perkins, Amanda Chapman, Shalika Silva, Gregory Lieving, Aleta Rader, Rebekah Hypes

Absent: Jeff Bryson

Guests: Ann Reed

Approval of Minutes:

- Greg motioned to approve the November 13, 2025 minutes, Wesley seconded. Aleta and Greg abstained. Motion passed.

Old Business

Auditing Courses

- Ann and Wes met with Tim & Drew and they approved \$25 per credit hour
- A line was added about instructors administratively withdrawing students based on excessive absences
- Information was clarified that the fee would only apply if the student isn't full-time
- Rebekah motioned to approve with amendments, Greg seconded. Motion passed

New Business

Attendance Policy

- Currently there is no information in policy for institutional absences and athletes being expected to go to athletic events instead of class. Wesley recommended adding this information to the current Attendance Policy
- Mari recommended tabling this until coaches can be brought into the discussion. Mari will reach out to Jesse
- Amanda suggested for student members to discuss this in SGA

Upcoming Items

Unofficial Withdrawals

- There have been issues with no show students being re-admitted to classes and then had not date of attendance when they still didn't participate in class(es). Business & Finance approved that no refund would be given in this situation

Re-Admit Student

- This is currently not defined whereas other types of students are

Military Student Leave

- Need information in policy for military students who must leave due to deployment

Academic Integrity

- Edits need to be made due to recent situations
- When a student is suspended due to academic integrity violations, can they complete their other courses for that semester?

International Student Leaves of Absence

- For international students voluntarily leaving early/arriving late, the Leave of Absence policy may need revisions
- Amanda also asked the student members to discuss this in SGA

Adjournment: Amanda adjourned the meeting at 1:17 p.m.

Ashley Nicholas

January 21, 2026