

## Academic Policy Committee

### Minutes

January 29, 2026

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

**Absent:** Sarah Nale

**Guests:** Ann Reed

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

- There was a correction to the minutes under the Auditing Courses discussion. Ann & Wes met with Tim & Drew instead of Mari. Jeff motioned to approve the January 15<sup>th</sup> minutes as amended, Greg seconded. Motion passed.

#### **Old Business**

##### Attendance Policy

- SGA discussed athletic vs. academic events and the students felt that athletics should take precedent over academic events because academic events can be made up
  - For academic vs. academic conflicts, students felt they should choose whichever is more beneficial to their program/interests
  - Students feel pressure from coaches to attend athletic events, and most student athletes are here because of the scholarships they received for athletics
  - Usually students are able to do alternative assignments for missed academic events
- Brian asked if the committee knew how many times this happened and recommended it be handled on a case-by-case basis and not create a policy on something that may happen rarely
- Mari will talk with Jesse about attending a future meeting to discuss this and who should be in attendance (including SAC President)
- All instances of institutional absences in the catalog are in the attendance policy
- Information for the committee to determine:
  - Does the policy need to address this issue at all?
  - What is in the best interest of the student?
  - Does the information need to remain in the attendance policy or become its own policy?
- Greg & Jeff will bring this up to Faculty Senate

Adjournment: Amanda adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

*Ashley Nicholas*

*February 9, 2026*