Academic Policy Committee

Minutes

September 24, 2026

Present: Mari Clements, Charles Yakubow, Scott Beatty, Larry Baker, Sarah Nale, Wesley Kephart, Hunter Lemon (proxy for Brian Perkins), Amanda Chapman, Rajan Adhikari, Greg Lieving

Absent: Brian Perkins (Hunter Lemon served as proxy), Aleta Rader, Rory Taylor-Young

Guest: Ann Reed

Approval of Minutes:

- Larry motioned to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2026 meeting, Scott seconded. Hunter abstained. Motion passed.

Old Business

Academic Appeal Committee Bylaws

- The bylaws need reviewed before going on to Faculty Senate because changes were made based on policy changes

New Business

Microcredential Policy & Definition

- New policies for the undergraduate and graduate catalogs, and a definition of microcredentials were submitted for review. Curriculum Committee and Graduate Council have already reviewed and made slight changes
- Brian suggested changes from HEPC Policy 59 regarding requirement of grade of "C" or higher
- HEPC is still working on updating their policies to reflect microcredential information
- Wes asked if the definition should be copied from HEPC. Ann explained that HEPC's definition is broader, but GSU can establish its own guidelines within that
- GSU's microcredentials are currently being built as credit-bearing and is set up similar to a certificate, and will also be transcripted
- Scott asked if the language should state "15 credit hours or fewer" instead of "fewer than 15 credit hours"
- Mari shared HEPC draft policy information for committee to review and discuss
- The committee discussed changing language to "18 or fewer credit hours"
- Wes tabled the discussion and asked committee members to discuss this change with their departments

Instructor AI Use Policy Guidelines Exploration

- Amanda submitted example of Instructor AI Use policy to see if GSU wanted to create a similar policy

- Some faculty didn't think the policy was needed, others wanted to stick with the policy already in place. Amanda asked what policy the faculty member referred to, since we don't have a specific policy already in place; Scott will provide more information
- Larry suggested starting with guidelines instead of creating a new policy since AI is so new and things are changing, and also suggested getting the Online Committee involved in the discussion
- Amanda asked members to discuss this information again with their departments

Wesley adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Ashley Nicholas *September 29, 2026*