

Education Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: 3 November 2023

Faculty/Staff Members: Ryan Davis, Eric Edlund, Jason Parks, Abby Thomas, Jeff Walkuski, Chris Widdall

Student Members: Maryrose Carnazza

Ex-Officio Members: Carol Van Der Karr, Jennifer Martin Tse

Guests: Nancy Diller

Members Absent: Margaret Gichuru, Karen Dafoe, Christina Knopf

Topic	Comments/Discussion	Action
Approval of minutes		Minutes of 10/20/2023 were approved.
General discussion/announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee welcomed our new student member – Maryrose Carnazza • Vetting documents on credit limits for visiting students has closed • Additional feedback from Associate Deans and the AGT Chair regarding course withdrawal during AGT process has been received 	
Old business	Review of UG/G proposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of vetting documents • Chris indicated that NYSED is reviewing teacher certification requirements and considering drastic changes. This could have a significant impact on our Masters programs in teacher education. We need to balance our considerations with reality and philosophical ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language changed from 90 credits required to allow students to participate in commencement to 90 credits required to apply to participate in commencement • Chris called the question and made a motion that the proposal be accepted as written with edit above • Jeff seconded the motion

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol indicated that according to SUNY policy, campuses can determine the number of graduate credits that can be applied to an undergraduate degree • Discussion about the 90 credits required to allow students to participate in undergraduate commencement • Concerns were expressed about allowing students to ‘double dip’ and apply graduate courses to any undergraduate program. It was indicated that departments could restrict their graduate courses to only graduate students and this would avoid the issue for departments so choosing. • Concerns were expressed about allowing undergraduates to take graduate courses and impact on financial aid, etc. It was determined that the policy in review was only about accelerated programs and not all undergraduate programs. • It was commented that Cortland has approved accelerated programs that can’t yet be implemented without revisions to the current policy. The committee was encouraged to keep the discussion to the current proposal of graduate credits in combined (accelerated) programs • There was robust discussion about reviewing all feedback and if the requirement was to fully address any concerns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote: 5 in favor; 1 opposed; 1 abstained. The motion carried.
New business	None	
Adjourned		Meeting adjourned at: 11:08 AM
	Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Martin Tse, 11/15/2023	

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