

## ACADEMIC POLICY COUNCIL MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Via Zoom: <https://ufl.zoom.us/j/481358334>

**Attending:** Jack Mecholsky, Angela Lindner, Laurie Bialosky, Hans van Oostrom, Andrew Zimmerman, Chris Hass, Ray Thomas, Angela Bacsik, Dorina Avram, Deborah Mayhew, and Paul Duncan.

**1. Call to Order** – Hans van Oostrom – APC Chair

-The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by APC Chair Hans van Oostrom.

**2. Proposed Spring 2020 Adjustments to Academic Policies and Practices:**

**S-U Grading and Drop Policy Discussion**

-This item will be presented to the deans tomorrow and the draft is expected to be finalized in another day or so. The policy draft was unanimously approved by council after discussion which included the following points:

-All programs on campus have agreed to accept an S/U grade for this semester, including those requiring a certain grade or higher to progress to the next course, such as in Accounting.

-Generally, if a student's GPA is below 2.0, they may be advised to try to raise their GPA and not elect to complete their courses with S/U.

-If students are intending to graduate with honors, their advisors and committee should encourage them to continue with this goal to ensure an opportunity to graduate in May with honors.

-Considerations to qualify for the Deans or Presidents List were discussed and faculty and staff will meet to vet these concepts.

-During the COVID-19 period, Santa Fe College and other SUS institutions are considering accepting or adopting an S/U policy.

-Transcript statements for every undergraduate student such as: "The COVID-19 pandemic may have affected student performance." or "The COVID-19 pandemic may have caused academic disruption" are being considered. Such a notation would provide consistency across student populations and provide a timestamp which would trigger a reminder to future reviewers that the S/U, etc. grades occurred in the midst of a pandemic.

-Further clarification is being sought regarding Bright Futures re-payments parameters.

-The unclear and differing COVID-19 apex timelines between states and regions of the country is complicating semester planning.

- Most schools nationally have announced that Summer B courses will be online.
- This policy applies to undergraduates only and acknowledges students are having different experiences. There is recognition of, and attention being given to the inevitable disparities and challenges which exist between lower and higher income students.
- Many secondary education institutions are trying to extend their learning calendar through the end of June to ensure coverage of as much course content as possible, but also with consideration to allow students to graduate high school in time to take college classes.
- In normal circumstances, there are typically housing and vacation considerations during the weeks between the end of Summer B and Fall.
- The university and country are currently not in a position to make August timeline projections.
- How to maximize the retention of international students when considering moving summer B online.
- Consideration of graduate school applications timelines.
- The importance of online accommodations for experiential and face to face learning, particularly in meeting accreditation requirements.

Additionally,

- 15 colleges offer graduate level courses. Deans are collaborating with graduate faculty and the Registrar's Office to possibly implement a S/U policy for graduate courses.
- A motion to approve a S/U option for graduate school courses carried. The Graduate School expects to make an announcement later today detailing such a policy and clarify its unchanged Add/Drop policy.

### **3. Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.