

ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE
November 10, 2021
Zoom Meeting from 2-3 p.m.

Members Present: Keith Goyne, Chair, Kimberly Smith, Susan Sumner, Keith Thompson

Members Absent: Cassandra Garcia, Robin Panneton (on research leave),

Guests Present: Rick Sparks

Guests Absent: Rachel Holloway

Recorder: Arlice Banks, Executive Administrative Assistant, College of Natural Resources and Environment

Keith Goyne, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

I. Review and vote upon

A. The October 27, 2021 meeting minutes were approved without modification.

II. Review and approve agenda

A. The November 10, 2021 agenda was approved without modification.

III. Notifications

A. Keith Goyne and Rick Sparks met with members of the Office for Equity and Accessibility on November 8, 2021, to follow up on their comments from the last Academic Policies Committee meeting with visitors.

IV. New Business

A. Dr. Holloway has requested that the committee reevaluate the Course Withdrawal Policy (“W” grade policy) to determine if there are opportunities for improvement.

B. Keith Goyne and Rick Sparks summarized the conversation with members of the Office for Equity and Accessibility (OEA) on November 8, 2021.

1. OEA representatives had concerns that this policy would inhibit remedying past discrimination or affect the implementation of accommodations, and they submitted written recommendations for the committee to consider.

2. The committee reviewed and discussed point by point all written comments provided by OEA. Some language was accepted as submitted, other language was modified for clarity before acceptance, and a few comments were rejected.
3. A few other comments from the meeting with campus partners will be addressed at our next meeting.
4. Keith reminded Rick that at some point, we need to receive input from Stephen Capalodo. Rick said that Stephen would take an in-depth review of the policy once revisions were made.
5. It was announced that the next Academic Policies Committee meeting is after Thanksgiving on Wednesday, December 8.

V. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.