

**University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
University Senate Executive Committee**

Minutes from April 21, 2020
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Present: Warren Anderson, Jasmine Case, Chip Eckardt, Elizabeth Glogowski, Bob Hooper, Marquell Johnson, Patricia Kleine, John Mann, Colleen Marchwick, Jill Markgraf, Bill Miller, Geoffrey Peterson, Kristin Schaupp, James Schmidt, Charlotte Sortedahl, Pedro Sottile, Ka Vang, Ryan Weichelt, Evan Weiher

Absent: John Haven

Guest: Mike Carney, Kelly Holzer, Jean Pratt, Katie Wilson

A meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Weiher at 3:02 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 via online (Microsoft Teams) meeting.

- 1) Approval of the University Senate Executive Committee Minutes of April 14, 2020
 - Approved as amended
 - A clarification was made as follows:
 - The S/U policy and academic distinction remains the same
 - Incompletes are not and APC issue as that is a Registrar issue
 - *Incompletes are NOT a student option, but the instructor's*
 - *If the IN (incomplete) is not being changed within the time window the student has the option to change to S/U the letter grade assigned, then the student should not have the option to change*
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- 2) Ten Minute Open Forum
 - Printer Conversions have been held off until January
 - No sanitizing wipes can be found but a Kleenex can be used to touch the “screen”
 - Summer Research and ORSP grants
 - Not limiting that at this point but safe distancing is still in place
 - Several summer SRU's have been approved but the work throughs are still being done
 - \$200 payments to students
 - Glad that some of the students received the payment but it is now a concern that some units/departments will run out of their work-study money
 - David Miller, John Haven and Financial Aid can better answer this concern/question
- 3) New Business
 - a) First Reading: Motion from the Academic Policies Committee
Optional S/U Grading
 - Some of the comments are policy pieces and others are about implementation and process
 - APC/Senate is more concerned about the policy
 - We can add those other concerns in the memorandum
 - Questioning if policies will be waived for classes that typically do not offer this option
 - Colleges and units can choose to relax those restrictions
 - If designated as “A-F” or “all grades” then there is flexibility
 - Students can petition for the S/U option though
 - Colleges should have their own petition process
 - This note can also be added into the memorandum too
 - Comment that there is a misunderstanding on what this policy will cover
 - Our policy does not apply to every course at the university
 - Colleges can petition to relax the restrictions on classes, but the Associate Deans make that decision

Debate

- “Students in good academic standing” language should be eliminated but include the word “undergraduate”
 - Questioning if a student is on probation, then what happens
 - Since the S/U does not contribute to the GPA then the student cannot increase their GPA to get out of probation for the fall
 - If students are close then it might be better to be more inclusive and allow everyone the opportunity, even if they were going to fail

MOTION to amend the language to read **open to all undergraduate students**, seconded

DEBATE on MOTION

- None

VOTE on amendment: PASSED

Continued Debate

- Time will be extended to June 3rd
 - It will give students 8 days to ask for this after the grades are in
 - Records and Registration has constraints, so they support this time frame
 - Study Abroad students cannot typically change to S/U however Kim O’Kelly said that there is a possibility that this could be managed on an exception basis
 - If those courses came back as “all grades” then that would have given us more flexibility
 - The deadline as interpreted would not apply but perhaps a petition or waiver would work
 - After their grades come in then they should have 8 days, so we should say 8 days and not give the date of June 3
 - In the memorandum, one could say that students who are studying abroad or are part of the national student exchange can be dealt with in that way
 - Concern over internships and how those might be impacted
 - Incompletes could still be used
 - Many internships are S/U only
 - Students can make the decision after the course ends
 - Thought this applied to all classes, except by exception, so since this does not apply to all the 100 level courses, we need to make this as clear and as simple as we can
 - APC did not change the restriction(s) as that would be up to the Colleges
 - We do not know what classes are limited due to accreditation or other reasons
 - It is anticipated that not many students will take the S/U option
 - Colleges can proactively go through their courses
 - We do not want too many hoops for the lower level courses
 - This could be a memorandum addition
 - Concern that we should have a better policy than the one we are putting forward
 - Many concerns are about implementation as there are so many caveats that we are putting forward
 - Students can repeat for a letter grade
 - The Associate Deans are putting together an e-form for students that would want to opt in for the S/U instead of a letter grade
 - The Registrar will create a query that will be prepopulated on that e-form then once the Associate Deans get the list(s) of all the S/U courses then the Associate Deans can work with the chairs to write a blanket waiver
 - The Associate Deans intent is to get that information to others including the students
 - The e-form will be based off the withdrawal e-form
 - Once the student submits that e-form then it will go to the ARCC advisor

MOTION to Call the Question, seconded

VOTE to end debate and vote on this today: PASSED

VOTE on MOTION as AMENDED: PASSED

4) UF and UAS Spring Meeting

Without objection, ballots will be distributed as outlined

5) Announcements

- FPC voted in support of a Resolution on the option of suspension of the tenure clock
 - This would be optional
 - This can go on the Executive Committee agenda for next week

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Submitted by,
Tanya Kenney
Secretary of the University Senate