**Academic Policies and Standards Committee**

Kristen Vu, Chair 2020-2021

Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2021, 9am - 11am EST

Online: <https://gvsu-edu.zoom.us/j/91127849874>

Present:

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

* Carlson, Todd
* Shapiro-Shapin, Carolyn
* Wildey, Mikhila

Seidman College of Business

* Lori Koste

College of Community and Public Service

* Higbea, Raymond

College of Education

* Diarrassouba, Nagnon

Padnos College of Engineering and Computing

* Corneal, Lindsay

College of Health Professions

* Vu, Kristen (Chair)

Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies

Kirkhof College of Nursing

* Slager, Dianne

University Libraries

* Beasecker, Robert

At Large - Elected by and from UAS

* Vacant

Student Representatives

Ex officio, non-voting

* Benet, Suzeanne - Provost Designee

Visitor

* Schendel, Ellen
* VanDam, Kara

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

1. Minutes from the March 4, 2021 meeting were approved.

Motion to approve: Carolyn Shapiro-Shapin

Second: Raymond Higbea

Vote: Unanimous approval

II. Report on APSC Responsibilities: K. Vu reported on meeting with ECS leadership F. Ngasso and S. Bultsma, they reviewed ECS’s mandate to ASPC and noted approval of current direction of policy writing and that another (not yet designated) administrative group will then determine procedures for implementation.

III. Continuation of Drafting Initial Policy for Undergraduate Prior Learning Credit

Discussion of current draft and comments from K. Van Dam & M. Shell-Weiss seeking further clarity. The main points of the discussion were:

* Introduction: The language of policy was modified to clarify what was meant by prior Learning (PL): “Credit for Prior Learning can be granted through internal GVSU examination, industry certification, or portfolio assessment. PLA is evaluated internally by GVSU units and faculty. All credit by PLA is subject to the following regulations:” This clarified that the PLA policy was for internally assessed prior learning at GVSU only. Discussion included S. Benet bringing the suggestion of changing the “Credit by Exam” possible name change to “Credit By Non-GVSU Exam” for that committee group to discuss.
* Discussion regarding encouraging students to utilize existing, formal evaluations, first before utilizing the more labor-intensive portfolios.
* Credit may be given “for specific course credit or general credit”… discussion regarding units responsibility to make determination.
* The topic of limiting the number of PLA credits students can achieve was further discussed, and after a lengthy discussion and review of the current policies at GVSU, it was determined to utilize the current Credit/No Credit policy at GVSU since these courses are C/NC.
* Deadline discussion: discussion of availability of staff and timeliness of evaluation, specifically during summer. It was decided that a time limit was necessary to ensure a timely response for students. It was determined that 30 business days was a fair timeframe, and that exceptions could be requested if needed.
* Discussion of GVSU “Issues” courses. The current policies are that credit by exam (external evaluation) and transfer credits do not qualify for issues courses, and it was determined that PLA credit should also not be used for the General Education Programs Issues requirement.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 AM.

Minutes recorded by Dianne Slager.