

Academic Policies and Standards Committee

Kristen Vu, Chair 2020-2021

Minutes

October 1, 2020

9am EST-11am

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

Present:

Members 2020 - 2021

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- Carlson, Todd
- Losey, Kay
- Shapiro-Shapin, Carolyn (recording)
- Wildey, Mikhila

Seidman College of Business

- Koste, Lori

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

- Basiliere, Jae

Kirkhof College of Nursing

- Slager, Dianne

University Libraries

- Beasecker, Robert

At Large - Elected by and from UAS

- Vacant

Student Representative

- Student Senate Representative (1)

- Autumn Mueller

- Student Senate Representative (2)

Ex officio, non-voting

- Benet, Suzanne - Provost Designee

I. Introductions

II. Purpose of APSC

- i. Studying, reviewing and making pertinent recommendations

III. Review of essential charges from ECS

a. Evaluating Pilot Programs of Prior Learning Credit (Undergraduate)

- i. Discussion of the use of Prior Learning Credit at the undergraduate level. Policies are already in place at the graduate level (up to 20% of the degree program's credits). At present, a pilot program (portfolio course) is running in Brooks College (LEADS) and Engineering offers testing to achieve this credit.
- ii. Similarities to AP and CLEP credit were discussed. Rules for credit by exam are determined at the department level and the suggestion was raised that we can



create policies but give control to individual departments. Credits by external exam are not counted as credits from a 4-year college rule while PL credits are counted as GV credits.

- iii. Actions proposed included looking into the ways in which other schools handle the policy and setting down the data we need to perform an assessment.
- iv. Language on Prior Learning clarified: PLAT – Prior learning assessment teams;
PL = Prior learning

b. Student Bereavement Policy

- The committee reviewed a Student Senate resolution requesting a bereavement policy for students akin to that of the one in place for employees so that they do not need to make individual arrangements with professors. The Student Senate researched policies at other Michigan Institutions.
- The committee will review the policies of peer and aspirant institutions beyond MI. Each committee member will review the policies of 2 schools.
- Information to be collected: policy, how prescriptive the policy should be, and number of days. Policy should consider faith (PC 9.6 concerning religious observances), COVID (especially as regards returning to campus) and sensitivity to the fact that many students do face losses of grandparents at this age. Questions were raised as to where this policy should be part of attendance policies or a separate policy and it was suggested that accommodations should go through the Dean of Students Office. Preference was indicated for adding the policy to extant attendance policies.
- The committee decided to focus on bereavement policies and not do research on Prior Learning at the same time.

IV. Review of paused charges from ECS

- a. Repository for Syllabi
- b. In Person Exams on Election Day
- c. Rescheduling Exams During Finals Week



School assignments and info needed will be sent.

Meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.