

Faculty Senate Undergraduate Academic Policies Committee
September 6, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Geoff Owens, Marty Emmert, Alan Chesen, Dan Krane, David Benson
Jack Dustin, Renee Aitken, Susan Carrafiello, Amanda Steele-Middleton, Timri Nolte, Carl Brun

1. Minutes of the April 4, 2017 meeting were approved.
2. Renee Aitken briefed the committee that the credit hour policy completed by the 2016-17 UAPC was accepted by HLC.
3. Textbook Resolution
<https://www.wright.edu/sites/www.wright.edu/files/uploads/2017/Aug/meeting/TextbookAffordabilityResolution.pdf>

Dan Krane, who also co-chairs the Undergraduate Student Success Committee (USSC), briefed the committee on a recent USSC Resolution regarding Textbook Affordability initiatives

Relevant Sections:

Whereas, Consistent with Wright Way Policy 2030.1.1 no policy or administrative action should in any way impinge upon an instructors ability to choose whatever textbooks and other teaching materials (e.g. software, course notes, etc.) they have determined to be most appropriate for the classes that they are assigned to teach;

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Resolved, The Wright State Faculty Senate Undergraduate Academic Policies Committee should create and have in place a "textbook auto adopt" Wright Way Policy that allows the campus bookstore to assume that if an instructor: 1) has taught a course within the past two academic years, and 2) has not identified a textbook prior to the time that students can first enroll for the same course in an upcoming semester, that the instructor will use the same textbook (including edition and format) they had used the last time they taught the course;

After lengthy discussions, the committee agreed to recommend that the Executive Committee amend the resolution to 1) clarify "an individual instructor's ability", 2) assign a deadline of December 31, 2017 for UAPC to complete the charge included above.

Version sent to Senate from EC:

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4. Semester & AY priorities / Adjourn

The committee briefly discussed the issue of courses offered by WSU, or those that use the WSU name, but are delivered by outside vendors. The committee members were asked to survey their colleagues for more details to help inform future discussion. Due to a lack of time, before adjourning, Dr. Owens asked the committee members to review the list of priorities and remaining agenda items prior to the next meeting on September 20, 2017.