

Undergraduate Academic Policies Committee

Spring Semester, 2019

Report of Committee Activities for the Academic Year 2018-2019.

Voting Members:

Derek Doran (CECS)
Dan Noel (CEHS)
Geoffrey Owens (CoLA and Chair)
Liz Pulley (CONH)
Dan Krane (COSM, Faculty Vice-President and Co-Chair)
Alan Chesen (RSCOB)
Dave Benson (LAKE)

Ex-Officio Members:

Susan Carrafiello, Honors Program (Ex-officio/NV)
Carl Brun Multicultural, Articulation and Transfer
Bill Rickert, Provost Designee
Amanda Steele-Middleton University Registrar
Jack Dustin, Service Learning
Bill Holmes, UCIE
Samantha Baxter Student Government

Policy Revision

The UAPC has had a very productive year. We were joined by numerous new members, who very quickly contributed in significant ways to making the committee a success. The committee's work outcomes fell into two categories, new or revised admissions policies, and resolutions aimed at improving the institutional learning environment for undergraduates and other members of the community.

Most of the new policy initiatives came through an initiative stated by the Provost's office to review and undertake a general 'cleaning up' of policies that were out of date, redundant or obsolete. This policy cleanup resulted in policies that were clearer and better organized so that thematic policy statements were placed in proximity to one another and extraneous wording removed. Examples of Policies that came from these revisions included the following:

3140 – Readmission
3230 – Ohio Transfer Module Policy
3404- Directed Advising
3410 – Selective Service
3360 Merger of Academic Standing and Academic Probation
4130 – Wright State Core (UAPC)
4230 – Minors and Concentrations.
4250 – Multicultural Competence (UAPC)

Admissions Policies

A second area of ongoing effort by the committee is updating the admissions policy. This update was primarily driven by the fact that standing admissions policies did not formally recognize several categories of student as eligible for admission to Wright State University. These categories specifically

included international applicants with a completed secondary school education, dual enrollment applicants (College Credit Plus), and applicants who had already completed a bachelor's degree and sought a second bachelor's (which became Policy 3170). Admissions policies also benefitted from an general updating of admissions and language proficiency requirements as well. The Committee is proposing substantive changes to Policy 3110, and the creation of two new policies: Policy 3120, Non-Degree Seeking Undergraduate Admissions, and Policy 3130, Dual Enrollment Admissions. It is our hope that these policies will be ready for Faculty Senate consideration in the fall of 2019.

Resolutions

Under the leadership of co-chair and Faculty Vice-President Dan Krane, the UAPC has forwarded several resolutions for the University Community to take steps to improve the quality of the institutional environment for undergraduates, and by extension make progress that benefits all community members. These resolutions include one that directly addresses and discourages bullying, and to report bullying when observed. A second resolution reiterates the University Community's commitment to free speech, making Wright State University a place where ideas can be exchanged freely. Finally, the UAPC has drafted a resolution encouraging the use of Wait Lists, in the hopes that this will facilitate the ability of students to register for classes in a timely fashion, and to successfully graduate within a reasonable time.