

Undergraduate Council Summary Report

[Monday May 7, 2018 -- Faculty Senate meeting]

Submitted by Rachel Chen, Chair

Summary report of the Undergraduate Council, April 10, 2018 (See attached reports)

http://web.utk.edu/~ugcouncil/public_html/docs/minutes/04-10-2018_UGCminutes.pdf

Approval of Minutes from the Undergraduate Council Meeting of April 10, 2018

: These minutes were certified correct via email Voting options on Monday, April 16, 2018.

Special Report

- Alisa Meador, of the Center for International Education, announced that the Peace Corps has approved the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, as a Peace Corps Prep partner school.
- Chris Lavan, Assistant Provost for Experiential Learning and Teaching Innovation, gave a brief update on the status of Experience Learning designated courses, noting that we currently have 46 courses designated as N (internship), R (undergraduate research), or S (service learning).

Committee Reports (see attachments for details)

✚ **Academic Policy Committee** presented five proposals:

- The proposal for a midterm grade policy was presented and discussed. An amendment was proposed to increase the grade-entry window by two weeks, which will make the period begin at 8:00 am on the Friday of week four and close at 5:00 pm on the Friday of week 8. The amendment was approved. The Council chose to postpone action on this item as amended until the Office of Information Technology can address Council's concerns regarding interfacing this report with current grading software.
- The proposal for a pilot study related to academic dismissal criteria was approved. This program mirrors the university's Summer Opportunity for Academic Recovery (SOAR) program, but is offered during the fall and spring semesters to allow students who cannot afford to attend summer session to take advantage of programming designed to increase student success.
- The proposal for exceptions to the catalog rule policy for Tennessee Transfer Pathways students who complete an associate's degree before transferring to UTK was approved.
- The proposal to revise the first year composition requirement was approved with one edit to reflect currently accepted terminology.
- The proposal to revise the academic advising policy was approved.

✚ **Associate Deans Group** report was presented as an informational item. No action was required.

✚ **Curriculum Committee** presented proposed corrections to the 2018-2019 catalog, as well as curricular change proposals to take effect fall 2019. All proposals were approved.

✚ **General Education Committee** presented proposals for approving special topics for two courses previously approved as satisfying the Arts and Humanities (AH) or the Social Sciences (SS) requirement. Both proposals were approved.

Other

- The Council's meeting schedule for the 2018-2019 academic year was approved.
- The election of the Vice Chair of the Council for the 2018-2019 academic year was held by secret ballot, and Anthony Welch was elected unanimously.