

**JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICIES AND PROGRAMS**

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October 11, 2017  
9:00 a.m.; CAS Dean's Conference Room

**NOTES**

Present: M. Hendren, N. Santilli, T. Bruce, R. Drenovsky, M. Farrar, R. Greci, J. Krukones, A. Miciak, M. Millet, M. Moroney, A. Nagy, C. Sherman; Guests: E. Brown, E. Carreon, K. Manning

The notes of the September 27 meeting were approved.

The meeting was devoted to a final vetting of suggested policy revisions that had been suggested by the "Current Educational Policies" subgroup. The policy changes and the committee's decisions regarding them are as follows:

1) Grading System: removal of FA, WF, C, HP, and P grades. The F grade requires a last date of attendance:

Decision: The policy was approved as proposed and will be sent to Faculty Council.

2) Grade Changes Time Limit

Decision: The policy was approved as proposed. Faculty Council will be notified and the policy will be posted on the UCEP website for comment.

3) Degree Completion Time Limit

Decision: The policy was approved as proposed. Faculty Council will be notified and the policy will be posted on the UCEP website for comment.

4) Participation of Summer Graduates in the Spring Commencement Ceremony

Decision: Discussion of this change focused in particular on the timeline for implementation; according to one estimate, it might be necessary to allow six years to pass before the policy could be put into effect. More discussion is needed about the effective date. Meanwhile, it was decided to notify Faculty Council and post the policy on the UCEP website for comment.

5) Excused Absences

Decision: While the wording in the new Undergraduate Bulletin recognizes religious observance as additional grounds for requesting an excused absence, M. Farrar expressed concern as to what the faculty reaction to such requests would be and suggested that the revised policy does not really protect students who have a genuine religious excuse. N. Santilli pointed out that we

are simply amending guidelines, not setting or changing policy. M. Farrar wondered whether the issue should be discussed within the broader context of student persistence and retention. T. Bruce suggested posting the policy and also sending it to the University Committee on the Student Learning Experience. A. Nagy said that, since this is academic policy, UCEP needs to act on it. M. Farrar urged allowing the UCSLE to comment first; if they want to send it back to UCEP, so be it. Given also that the University Counsel had suggested the need of a wider discussion so that the policy could be extended to staff as well, M. Hendren asked whether it would be necessary to wait until the issuance of the next Undergraduate Bulletin. In the end, it was decided that the issue required further consideration.

#### 6) Student Responsibility

Decision: While collaboration with Faculty Council on this issue was determined to be desirable, it was agreed that UCEP should suggest a time limit to that body, e.g., that Faculty Council produce a resolution by the end of the semester.

The remaining policy revisions, such as those concerning the Undergraduate Bulletin of entry and Transcript Notation, will be taken up at the next meeting. M. Farrar suggested that we—and perhaps the University Committee on Administrative Policies as well—ought to communicate with the faculty and the entire University community regarding our work.

The meeting concluded at 10:00 a.m.

Notes recorded by J. Krukones