

JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICIES

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Margaret Farrar, Rick Greci, Angela Krueger, Jim Krukones, Kathleen Manning, Al Miciak,
Michelle Millet, Maryclaire Moroney, Al Nagy, Catherine Sherman

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NOTES

Present: A. Krueger, C. Sherman, E. Carreon, R. Drenovsky, R. Greci, J. Krukones, K. Manning, M. Moroney

C. Sherman said that the meeting would focus on final feedback for the remaining policy proposals, reviewing the Global Education proposal, and outlining the committee's summer work. The remaining policy proposals included those dealing with 1) the grading system, 2) Incomplete grades, 3) excused absences, and 4) the Bulletin of entry. The faculty approved the grading system updates. The proposal on Incompletes grades was being discussed by the CAP, which had concerns regarding documentation. According to R. Drenovsky, faculty sometimes tended to focus on their own class as though it were the only one a student was taking, instead of thinking about it as one of several classes in a student's course schedule. Concerning documentation, R. Greci suggested that the burden should rest on the student. He also noted that faculty object to the imposition of a blanket policy on all situations. It was suggested that the language of the proposal be changed to say that a student "may" be required to submit documentation if the instructor requested it. Another concern dealt with the possibility that part-time faculty might feel pressured into granting an Incomplete. The question was also raised as to what the appropriate grade should be for a study abroad course that extended beyond the designated term. C. Sherman said that she would work on the language of the proposal and discuss it with the policy sub-group before sending it back to CAP. The proposal on excused absences was considered to be in good shape. Regarding the proposal on the Bulletin of entry, R. Greci asked whether faculty concern about the proposal had been allayed. R. Drenovsky answered affirmatively, noting that A. Nagy seemed satisfied by the tweaks made to it. The proposal on Global Education was found to be generally satisfactory; a small change was made allowing a student the possibility of appealing a denial of permission to study abroad.

Also discussed was a supplement to the current Undergraduate Bulletin. After discussion of its content, it was agreed that the supplement should be issued as long as its appearance was effectively messaged to the University community through the Provost's Office, the deans, and department chairs. E. Carreon suggested a single website record changes that originated in all of the major University committees.

On the issue of summer work, the consensus was that the policies subgroup meet on its own to consider topics such as course scheduling policies, course caps, a one-year schedule, midterm grades, course numbering, a transfer bill of rights, and the awarding of posthumous degrees. E. Carreon noted the need to deal with the issue of committee membership, including faculty renewals, personnel changes, and the appointment of a new student representative.

The meeting concluded at 10:20 a.m.

Notes recorded by J. Krukones