

Called Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, March 26, 2020, 3:30pm
via Zoom

Dr. Chuck Ross called the meeting to order at 3:30pm. The following members were on the call:

Dr. Kat Alves	Dr. Ann Bailey-Yoelin	Dr. Lee Bidwell
Ms. Natalie Browning	Dr. Bill Burger	Dr. Roger Byrne
Dr. Jackie Daniel	Mr. Ian Danielsen	Dr. Alix Fink
Dr. Lily Goetz	Dr. Elif Guler	Dr. Carl Harvey
Dr. Brandon Jackson	Dr. David Lehr	Dr. Mary Lehman
Ms. Madison Lewis	Dr. Virginia Lewis	Dr. Kat McCleskey
Dr. Lisa Minor	Dr. Tim O'Keefe	Dr. Adam Paulek
Dr. JoEllen Pederson	Dr. Jeannine Perry	Dr. Tom PlaHovinsak
Dr. Lissa Power-deFur	Dr. Tim Ritzert	Mr. Brent Roberts
Dr. Chuck Ross	Dr. Steve Samaras	Dr. Leah Shilling-Stouffer
Dr. Larissa Smith	Dr. Robin Smith	Dr. Ryan Stouffer
Dr. Sarah Tanner-Anderson	Dr. Kirstin Whitely	Teresa Irish, Recorder

Also present were Dr. Bill Abrams, Dr. Chris Bjornsen, Dr. Kevin Doyle, Dr. Maxwell Hennings, Ms. Susan Hines, Ms. Vicki Palmer, Dr. David Shoenthal, and Dr. Gena Southall.

The sole agenda item was to discuss and vote on the [Spring 2020 Change in Undergraduate Grading Policy](#). Dr. Smith discussed the changes being proposed to the existing [Grading Policy](#). These changes are being proposed to help students who are having issues with connectivity, stress, needing to work, needing to help their family, etc.

Dr. Smith addressed the following specific issues:

- Students will select a grading method for each course they're taking this spring, e.g., they may select PV for the Civitas course(s) they're taking and a letter grade for courses in their major.
- An advisor must sign off on each form (soon to be available on the registrar's website) where the student's choices are indicated. This provides a chance to counsel students.
- PV includes C- grades. If your department does not count C- as a passing grade or a suitable grade for progression in the major, you may (1) so advise students at the time of selection and/or (2) include that information on your syllabus.
- Grade replacement will occur as usual.
- FAQs for this alternate grading option will be at [University COVID-19 FAQs](#) and on the registrar's site.
- Academic Affairs will provide a statement to all faculty which may be cut/pasted into syllabi.
- Faculty will be copied on the email going out to students about the changes to the grading policy.
- There will be a statement that specifically discusses GPA calculation.
- Student teachers are permitted to select the PV option, but as has been said, they should seek guidance.

A vote was called on the proposed changes. There were 18 yes votes, five (5) no votes, and three (3) abstentions. The changes will go into effect immediately.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Irish