



ACADEMIC COORDINATING COMMISSION  
Meeting Abstract of October 25, 2016

Called to order at 4:01 pm by ACC Chair Seán Murphy. Minutes of 11 September 2016 were approved as amended.

**ACC Chair Seán Murphy:**

- Updated Commissioners on ACC standing committee vacancies.

**David Brunner, Registrar:**

- The mathematics department will be adding a cloud-based math placement test in lieu of the current paper test. Brunner requests that colleges notify ACC and the Registrar’s Office via memorandum of the courses requiring language revisions in the Catalog as a result of this change.

**REVIEW OF CURRICULUM MINUTES:**

#	Committee	Date	Actions	Minutes prepared by
7	Recruitment, Admissions and Support Committee (RASC)	6/3/2016	ACCEPTED	A. Cantlon
8	International Programs Advisory Committee (IPAC)	10/3/2016	ACCEPTED	K. Mantello
9	College of Science & Engineering CC (CSE)	10/4/2016	ACCEPTED with comments. <sup>1</sup>	J. Mott
10	Graduate Council	10/4/2016	ACCEPTED	M. Yakawich
11	Graduate Council	10/11/2016	ACCEPTED with comments and motion. <sup>2,3</sup>	M. Yakawich
12	Committee on Undergraduate Education (CUE)	5/26/2016	ACCEPTED	M. Price
13	Woodring College of Education CC (WCE)	10/10/2016	ACCEPTED with comments. <sup>4</sup>	C. Teshima
14	College of Humanities and Social Sciences CC (CHSS)	10/13/2016	ACCEPTED	K. Anderson

<sup>1</sup>Page 3 (Industrial Design, BS): Commissioners discussed a section in the revised program description related to consequences of plagiarism. Commissioners offered a friendly suggestion to amend a phrase to read “a student’s status as a major may be revoked” and to amend the phrase “determined to be guilty of plagiarism” to read “found in violation of Western’s Academic Honesty policy.” A Commissioner suggested that the Engineering and Design department ensure that the revised language is in compliance with University policy.

<sup>2</sup>Page 2 (Continuous Enrollment): A Commissioner inquired about the Continuous Enrollment course. It was explained that this course allows graduate students to remain continuously enrolled in the Graduate program until they graduate. Bob Mitchell, *Graduate Council Chair*, reported that the Graduate Council is currently working on a continuous enrollment policy.

<sup>3</sup>Commissioners noted a misleading sentence regarding non-tenure-track faculty serving on graduate student committees. A **motion to strike** from the Graduate Council minutes of 11 October 2016 the sentence “Otherwise, they should volunteer and receive no compensation” (forwarded by Sheila Webb and seconded) **passed**.

<sup>4</sup>Page 3 (SPED 463): Commissioners offered a friendly suggestion to hyphenate “Curriculum Based” and “Data Based” in the course title.

**ACTION ITEM:**

**Approval of Graduate Faculty Status Document:** Commissioners discussed a policy document created by the Graduate Council. A **motion to approve** the Graduate Faculty Membership policy as written (forwarded by David Rossiter and seconded) **passed** unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEM:**

**General Education Improvement Priorities:** Commissioners discussed general education improvement priorities. Discussion on this topic will continue at ACC’s meeting of 8 November 2016.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.**