

Academic Policy Committee

Minutes

March 19, 2026

Present: Mari Clements, MacKenzie Petry, Jeff Bryson, Larry Baker, Sarah Nale, Wesley Kephart, Rico Gazal (proxy for Brian Perkins), Amanda Chapman, Shalika Silva, Gregory Lieving, Shaleigh Littleton (proxy for Aleta Rader), Rebekah Hypes

Absent: Aleta Rader (Shaleigh Littleton served as proxy)

Guests: Ann Reed, Schuyler Chapman

Approval of Minutes:

- Greg motioned to approve the minutes, Wesley seconded. Shalika and Rebekah abstained. Motion passed.

Old Business

Academic Integrity

- Faculty Senate asked for changes to be made (highlighted items in the policy)
- Schuyler Chapman attended the meeting to discuss the changes recommended by Senate
- There are concerns about false positive academic integrity cases with non-English speaking students and students with accommodations
- There is unreliable evidence as to how reliable reviewer sites really are
- Faculty don't want students to be penalized when they aren't guilty of using AI or cheating
- Additional training for faculty was recommended on how to address these issues and how to approach writing students up for Academic Integrity violations
- The line regarding FERPA on #4 was addressed by both Academic Policy and Faculty Senate last spring
- There are issues with faculty not reporting cases of academic integrity because of the amount of paperwork
- This will be tabled until Faculty Senate has a chance to discuss again
- Process clarification: Faculty Senate can send policies on to ULC with recommendations for consideration, but cannot make changes to policies

Admission & Statement of Catalog Policy

- The prior concern was whether or not the summer term counted for students who were suspended. The summer semester does count
- Ann also ended up editing the Probation & Suspension policy and Leave of Absence policy due to this clarification
- Rebekah motioned to approve, Wesley seconded. Motion passed

Adjournment: Amanda adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

Ashley Nicholas

March 20, 2026