

**FACULTY SENATE
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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

*2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR
Prepared for the Central Washington University Faculty Senate*

Faculty Senate Committee: Academic Affairs

Committee Chair

Andy Piacsek – COTS

Committee Representation

- **Members:**
 - Andy Piacsek – COTS
 - Bob Hickey – COTS
 - Eric Foch – CEPS
 - Teneccia Dacasse – CB
 - Melody Madlem - CEPS
 - Taralynn Petrites – CAH
 - Josh Welsh - CAH
 - Wendy Cook - CB

- **Ex Officio Members**
 - Julia Stringfellow – Faculty Senate EC (Fall, Winter)
 - Peter Klosterman – Faculty Senate EC (Spring)
 - Jason Knirck – Provosts Office
 - Rose Spodobalski-Brower – Registrar
 - Cody Stoddard – ADCO

- **Student Representative**
 - Vacant

- **Guests**
 - Glen Petrites (ASL interpreter)
 - Tiffany Ramseyer (ASL interpreter)
 - Michael Gimlin (FSEC) 10/27, 4/13
 - Anne Cubilié (Douglas Honors College) 10/13, 3/30
 - Christina Denison (Douglas Honors College) 12/1
 - Adrian Navarro (Registrar) 12/1
 - Gail Mackin (Provost Office) 1/12, 3/9
 - Dan Martin (English dept.) 1/12
 - Amber Darting (Advising) 1/26, 4/13
 - Maura Valentino (Gen Ed committee) 2/9
 - Ediz Kaykayoglu (Dean, EGE) 2/9, 2/23
 - Michael Goerger (Curriculum Committee) 2/23
 - Joey Bryant (Student Success) 3/9
 - Lily Vuong (ADI ad hoc committee)
 - Erica Holley (ADI ad hoc committee)

Committee Charges

The following table summarizes the work of the AAC committee over the past academic year. Please note that some motions (labeled Pending below) will be on the Faculty Senate agenda for the 5/31 meeting.

Charge #	Charge Description	FS Motion No.	Status
AAC22-23.01	Review the draft policy on departmental honors at CWU. Consider any further changes and/or moving forward as a motion to Senate.		Tabled by EC
AAC22-23.02	Consider clarifying the policy and/or procedure on the reorganization and renaming of units (CWUP 5-90-60) to require documented evidence of consultative steps.	Motion 22-11	Approved 11/30/22
AAC22-23.03	Consider developing a policy and/or procedure for placing, communicating, and managing holds on student accounts.		Tabled
AAC22-23.04	Continue working on the language for policy CWUP 5-90-80 regarding Disruptive Behavior in academic settings.		Submitted for 5/31 FS meeting
AAC22-23.05	Review current practices of placements for Academic Writing I and Math courses and consider modifications of CWUP 5-90-040(43).	Motion 22-16	Approved 2/1/23
AAC22-23.06	Review recommended language from the General Education Committee regarding transfer students and Gen Ed requirements when university closures occur, and students are in need of immediate transfer.		AAC recommends no action.
AAC22-23.07	Explore the benefits and drawbacks of an expanded academic forgiveness policy (CWUP 5-90-38) or an “academic bankruptcy” policy at CWU. Make recommendations as appropriate.		Submitted for 5/31 FS meeting
AAC22-23.08	Continue working with the ADI ad-hoc committee as needed on policy language regarding implementation of the ADI graduation requirement for undergraduate students.		Tabled
AAC22-23.09	Review committee procedures manual and update as required.		No updates this year
AAC22-23.10	Review CWUP 5-90-040(21) regarding Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Courses and compare with current practice.		Submitted for 5/31 FS meeting
AAC Unnumbered Charge	Review proposed policy describing new Associate of Arts degree.		Reviewed by AAC; feedback sent to CC 3/1

Report on the Activities of the Committee

Meeting Dates and Times

All meetings fully remote (on Zoom) from 3:10 – 5:00 p.m.

Fall Quarter

- September 29
- October 13
- October 27
- November 10
- December 1

Winter Quarter

- January 12
- January 26
- February 9
- February 23
- March 9

Spring Quarter

- March 30
- April 13
- April 27
- May 11
- May 25

Minutes

Available at <https://www.cwu.edu/faculty-senate/2022-2023-committee-minutes>

Items of Interest

General comment: Many of the charges presented to the AAC this year were especially challenging and did not result in motions that were approved by FS.

- Charges #1 and #4 involved new policy that has generated significant concern from important stakeholders. Multiple meetings and attempts to revise policy have not resolved all the issues.
- Charge #3 has been tabled pending the outcome of an ongoing nationwide study that CWU is participating in regarding the effect of academic holds on student success.
- Charge #8 involves writing new policy that will require review by Curriculum Committee. We decided to Table the charge until next year, when the newly formed permanent ADI committee can be involved.
- An unnumbered charge to provide consultative feedback to Curriculum Committee regarding new policy on a proposed Associate of Arts degree generated significant amount of discussion, taking up the better part of two meetings. Initially, the AAC misunderstood the consultative role and believed that we needed to revise and approve policy.

Successes

- Two motions were approved as of May 18
- Additional motions may be approved at the May 31 Faculty Senate meeting

Concerns

With reference to the Items of Interest (above), we note the following:

- It is challenging, as well as inefficient, for AAC to draft new policy from scratch. We strongly recommend that drafts of new policy be provided by stakeholders as part of the charge so that AAC has a clear understanding of the goals and intended mechanisms. The role of AAC is then to clarify the language and ensure consistency with other University policy and standard practice.
- It is unproductive for AAC to receive charges related to motions that previously unsuccessful or rejected at levels beyond FS without clear and detailed description of how the policy needs to be revised.

Recommendations for next year's committee

With reference to the Concerns (above), we make the following recommendations related to charges that were table for this year:

- We recommend that the new ADI committee develop draft policy regarding graduation requirements for consideration by AAC.
- We recommend that the Registrar's Office and Academic Advising jointly develop draft policy on academic holds that is informed by the nationwide study that CWU is currently participating in.

Recommendations for future charges

- Amber Darting suggested a future charge to revise 5-90-40(35) Academic Standing to clarify the status of students who have high gpa (>2.0) but two consecutive quarters below 2.0.