

University Academic Council Minutes

Fall 2017 – October 10

3:00 p.m. Womack Hall Board Room

Second Reading - Faculty Senate Proposal for Limiting Course Repeats

The Faculty Senate of May 3, 2017, passed the following policy proposal regarding students repeating classes:

A student who has enrolled in a course may be allowed to repeat the course up to three times. If, after the third attempt, a student wishes to retake a course, the student must submit an appeal before an organized committee at the college of their major, including the College Dean and Department Chair, unless a program has a specified policy in place. Undecided majors will appeal to an organized committee within the Advising Center.

U.A.C. Response: The committee proposes delaying implementation of a policy change until student information systems have successfully transitioned to Jenzabar EX, at which time any department wishing to limit the number of course repeats may submit a U.A.C. proposal. Jenzabar EX will provide academic departments flexibility in the application of course repeat limitations. Departments will have the option of determining the appropriate number of repeats for each individual course.

First Reading

Approved - *Course Change* – COM 3413 Female/Male Communication

- Course Title Change

Approved - *Course Change* – MMC 3494 Preproduction

- Course Number Change
- Course Level Change

Approved - *Course Change* – MMC 3503 Postproduction

- Course Number Change
- Course Level Change

Approved - *Course Change* – THA3473 Women, Gender and Race in American Theatre

- Course Number Change
- Course Level Change

Approved - *Course Change* – COM/MMC 3173 Graphic Novel Seminar

- Subject Prefix Change
- Course Number Change
- Course Level Change
- Course Cross-Listing Change

Approved - *Course Change* – PSC 3203 Pop Culture and American Politics

- Course Number Change
- Course Level Change

Approved - *New Course* – HIS4xx3/HIS5xx3 Ideas and Culture in a Changing World: Early Modern Europe, 1350-1789

Approved - *Course Change* – HIS3463 Renaissance and Reformation

- Course Number Change
- Course Level Change

Other Items to Discuss

- “NC” Grades and Repeat Policy for Remedial Courses
 - o U.A.C. has requested the Registrar remove the following policy language from the academic catalog effective immediately.
 - *Students who do not perform at a C-level or above may request a NC = No Credit grade from the course instructor.*
 - *The form for requesting a NC can be obtained from the Registrar’s web page.*

- *To encourage the completion of remedial courses during the first year of college work, all students are limited to one repeat of a remedial course.*
- U.A.C. has requested the Registrar draft policy language excluding “NC” and “AC” as acceptable grading options for courses intended to be graded “A” through “F.” New policy language will be brought to U.A.C. in November for first reading.