

**Academic Policies Committee**  
**Annual Report 2022-2023**  
**Elizabeth Ragan, Chair**  
**May 26, 2023**

During 2022-2023 academic year, the Academic Policies Committee (APC) addressed the following:

Senate charges

**Fall 2022: Change of Catalog Year (charged March 2022)**

The committee initially discussed this at its September 20 meeting; a subcommittee was formed to draft a set of recommendations. These were approved at the committee's November 13 meeting. A motion was submitted to the Faculty Senate, and approved November 22.

**Spring 2023: Avoiding Multiple Finals on Last Day (charged December 2022)**

The committee initially discussed this at its February 7 meeting; in late February, a subcommittee, including Martin Hunter, was formed to draft a set of recommendations. These were approved at the committee's April 18 meeting. A motion was submitted to the Faculty Senate, and approved May 9.

**Spring 2023: Academic Integrity revision to meet new USM policies  
(charged February 16, 2023)**

The committee initially discussed this at its February 21 meeting; a subcommittee, including Melissa Boog and Valerie Randall-Lee (to deal with the data collection and assessment piece), was formed to draft a revised policy and make other recommendations for following the new USM guidelines. It proved difficult to make much progress on this complex project, due to competing time pressures on subcommittee members. A motion requesting an extension until late Fall 2023 was submitted to the Faculty Senate, and approved May 9.

Other policy reports and recommendations

**Fall 2022: Clarity on Student Emergency Absence Policy**

The committee has been discussing the desirability of revising the Emergency Absence Policy for two years, and started in again at its September 20 meeting. A subcommittee was formed to draft a set of recommendations. These were approved at the committee's November 13. A motion was submitted to the Faculty Senate, and approved November 22.

**Spring 2023: Latin Honors Credit recommendation**

A recommendation to reduce the number of credit hours at SU to qualify for Latin Honors was proposed, discussed, and approved at the committee's April 18 meeting. A motion was submitted to the Faculty Senate, and approved May 9.

### Academic Misconduct/Grievances

The committee considered and rendered decisions on 6 student appeals of Academic Misconduct charges, and considered additional sanctions for 5 students who had multiple Academic Misconduct charges. Deliberations were held on 5 student Academic Grievance cases. Additional misconduct and grievance cases are very likely to be considered in June 2023.

Given the rapid development of generative AI, the committee also discussed, on several occasions, its implications for academic integrity, and what kinds of documentation might be considered appropriate evidence for a charge of AI academic misconduct. Recommendations, such as they were, were e-mailed to all faculty on February 7, to provide guidance for the Spring 2023 semester.