

Eastern Washington University
Graduate Affairs Council
Minutes of February 26, 2025

Members Present: K. Hope, D. Vulcan, L. Reeves, C. McNeely, B. Davenport, D. Semb, J. Lawlar, K. Walker

University Officials: S. Eubanks, J. Curtis

1. The meeting was called to order by K. Hope at 3:05 p.m.

2. Approval of minutes of February 12, 2025. *Hearing no objections, the minutes are approved.*

3. Reports. a. Chairs Report. K. Hope reported: D. Ayers is at a conference, so she is acting as chair today. We will be revisiting AP 303-22 Chapter 4 Probation and Dismissal: Professional Behavior/Conduct policy, that is on the agenda today, because Senate had some concerns. AP 303-22 Chapter 6 Comprehensive Evaluation was approved by Rules and is at Senate. The Dual Master's Degree policy will come back as unfinished business at the next Rules meeting. There is a proposal to designate a School of Leadership and Innovation that is proposed. Our role in that process for Senate to give their opinion but not vote on it.

b. Administrative Report. S. Eubanks reported: he is still working through CPAC proposals, and he is almost done. His role is basically to make sure the CPAC's have all the support they need from him so they can get the proposals through. Dental Therapy is stuck right now. They said the 48 courses were stacked with undergraduate, but they didn't provide a spreadsheet of courses they are stacked with. When they did provide the spreadsheet, they didn't provide a course differentiation of higher expectations for the graduate courses. She reached out to the Associate Dean of Health, B. Donahue, who's in the Graduate Office because he knows the policy well.

c. ASEWU Graduate Affairs Report. J. Curtis reported: they technically don't have a Graduate Affairs Position within ASEWU any longer. He serves as Senate Chair for Academic Affairs so he just kind of serves on the Graduate Affairs Council. The Student Trustee Search is going on right now and is open until April 14th at 5:00 p.m. The application can be found on the ASEWU website: <https://inside.ewu.edu/asewu/studentbot/> Unfortunately, they don't have a student on the Board of Trustees currently and they want to make sure they have one appointed by the Governor for the next academic year. Declaration of Candidacy is open for next year. If you know of any students who would like to be an ASEWU officer please send them to the website. Graduate students are encouraged to apply although they don't have any specific positions for graduate students. The last meeting of the quarter is March 4th at 12:00 p.m. in PUB 207. That is an open meeting, and everyone is encouraged to come.

4. Unfinished Business. a. CPAC.

b. AP 303-22 Probation and Dismissal: Behavior/Conduct (returned from Senate). C. McNeely stated she spoke with her alternate senator (L. Matos) who had issues with the proposed policy language. The concern is the part of the policy that talks about students on academic warning who get a grade lower than a B should be dismissed. So a student who is taking 3-4 classes and gets mostly A's and then gets a C they may be bringing their GPA up more than someone who got all B's but they would get dismissed under this policy because there was a

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C which is mathematically illogical. S. Eubanks stated the section of the policy, the coursework requirements area says you can only get 2 C's that can count toward your grade. Is they are already on academic warning, if they allow them to continue to get a C, they will have to repeat all the C classes. C. McNeely stated the issue is not that they come off of warning but the way it is worded is they have to bring their GPA up to a 3.0 or not get a C. Her senator is arguing that we should have to have a 3.0 or higher term GPA. They would stay on academic warning until they bring their overall GPA up to 3.0. After wordsmithing the wording will be changed to read: *e. Rather than dismissal, students on academic warning who earn a term GPA of 3.0 or higher will have academic warning extended until their cumulative GPA reaches or exceeds a 3.0. Students on academic warning who earn less than a 3.0 term GPA shall be dismissed from the program.* L. Reeves moved to approve to send back to Senate. C. McNeely seconded. Motion carried.

6. New Business. None.

7. Good of the Order. None.

8. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, March 12, 2025.