**Academic Affairs Committee**

**Minutes for Meeting No.9**

**Wednesday, March 5, 2025**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Founders Suite (lounge side on the right), Bone Student Center**

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**: Blum, Han, Ionescu, Nikolaou, Seifert, Werner-Powell, Bever, Blair, Montoya, Sharp, Trader, *Hurd (AVP for Undergraduate Education)*. (Note: quorum is six voting members; *ex-officio*).

Present: Blum, Han, Ionescu, Nikolaou, Werner-Powell, Bever, Blair, Montoya, Sharp, Trader, Hurd.

Absent: Seifert.

**Public Comment(s)** – None

**Order of Business:**

1. Approval of *Minutes#08AAC02.19.25*.
	* Senator Montoya moved to approve, and Senator Blair seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
2. Oral Communications
	* Credit Hour Policy:
		+ Add that traditional lecture courses “typically” require 100 minutes per week.
		+ Delete the clause “are largely independent study courses” from the Zero Credit Hour Courses description.
		+ There was an editorial request under the independent study courses to change “learning and grading outcomes” to “learning outcomes and grading schemes.”
3. Policy 4.1.4 Dress Codes
* Legal has reviewed the policy. Athletics recommended the athletics-specific language under item 4.
* Question whether there is another place where they deliver performances other than athletics. The addition is specific to athletics-focused performances, not performances from, for example, the Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts. Other types of performances are covered under the standing language in item 2.
* The student dress course developed for a course is only for their individual course and must justify why that’s their dress code. The general applicability under item 3c means that dress codes cannot be applied to all courses in a specific unit, and they are just for a specific course.
* Check links throughout the policy.
* Question whether dress codes for health and safety are limited to science, chemistry, and healthcare labs and why they are separated. Separating chemistry is standing language and was added last year to emphasize that chemistry labs (indoors) may have different dress codes compared to other science labs that may happen outdoors. For example, Geology students go outside, and certain sciences require more clothing as they are in chemistry.
* Do marching band members have to wear certain clothes under this policy? Students in such classes are informed at the beginning of class that there are specific dress codes. Similarly, students in theater and dance need to wear appropriate clothing, and in these cases, a contract is signed for the performance.
* Discussion about the difference among commitment to offer reasonable accommodations, request for accommodations, and designated to offer accommodations. For example, a student may use a wheelchair, making it difficult to wear business casual. As part of the student’s accommodations, SAAS might recommend getting an exception to whatever was required in the syllabus. Discussion to change from can request to may request. Adjusted language to: “Students may request reasonable accommodations for dress codes to ensure…” and keep the second line.
* Proposal to simplify the first sentence of the policy to state that the university has no dress code.
* Changed the title to “Student Dress Codes,” as nothing in the policy refers to non-students. Human Resources can propose a separate dress code policy for employees.
	+ The motion was passed unanimously to send the Dress Code policy to the Executive Committee.
1. Policy 2.1.20 Equitable Treatment of Students Participating in University-Authorized Activities
	* Discussion deferred for next meeting.

Senator Blair moved to adjourn, and Senator Bever seconded. Everyone was in favor.

**Adjourn**