

Educational Policy and University Standards (EPUS) Committee Report, April 2022

EPUS met virtually via MSTeams on March 28, 2022.

Present: Andrea Hutchins (chair), Norah Mazel, Laura Collins, Gia Barboza and Grant Clayton. Suzanne Cook also joined the meeting as liaison with CU System EPUS (non-voting).

The committee reviewed the latest edits to the revision of UCCS Policy 300-016 Compensation Principles for Faculty. The committee voted to endorse the current draft of the revised policy. The revised policy will be presented to the Faculty Representative Assembly at the April meeting for an endorsement vote by that faculty governance body.

The committee reviewed revisions to the “Final Examination Policy” published on the Course Information Center as part of the Academic Catalog. The committee voted to endorse the current draft of the revised information which now includes guidance on handling cancellation of final examinations due to unforeseen circumstances.

The committee reviewed proposed revisions to CU APS 8013 University of Colorado Guidelines for University Admission [formerly titled Minimum Academic Preparation Standards (MAPS) for University Admission] and provided feedback on the revisions to Suzanne Cook and Monique French, UCCS representatives on the CU EPUS committee, and David Moon, FA President. Suzanne and Monique will share the feedback with the CU EPUS committee.

- Follow-up note from the March 2022 EPUS report:
 - After the March 28, 2022 meeting, Suzanne Cook and Andrea Hutchins exchanged emails with Michael Lightner, CU Vice President for Academic Affairs, regarding potential contradictions in Regent Law 5.D.1(C) and 5.C.3(C) and Regent Policy 5.G.1(C) and 5.G.1(D) that could impact the ability of IRC faculty to submit grievances to the system Faculty Senate Grievance Committee. The email discussion clarified that IRC faculty may submit grievances related to perceived violations of academic freedom to the Faculty Senate Grievance Committee based on current wording in the referenced Regent Law and Policy. However, since hiring of IRC faculty is approved by the campus Chancellors and not the Board of Regents, grievances related to salary, merit, promotions and dismissals are addressed at the campus level.

The committee’s next meeting is scheduled on Monday, April 25, from 1:00-2:30 p.m.