

**Academic Affairs Committee
Minutes
Monday, November 10, 2014
2-3 p.m.
UL 2115J**

Members present: Ben Boukai, Peggy Daniels Lee, Joe Defazio, Edward Gonzales, Benjamin Keele, Suzann Lupton, Mary Beth Myers (on phone), John C. Watson, Jeffrey X. Watt

1. Approved the minutes for the Oct. 27th meeting [follow this link:
<https://oncourse.iu.edu/access/content/group/e46a225f-bfc3-4b78-a94c-ecdc6eb98a50/AAC%2010-27-14/AAC%20Minutes%2010-27-14.docx>]
2. Future meeting dates for Fall 2014 (all Mondays):
 - Nov. 17, 2-3 p.m., SL 306C (Biology Conference Room)
 - Dec. 1, 2-3 p.m., UL 2115J
3. Prior learning credit for veterans [see *Prior Learning Credit for Veterans.pdf* (an e-mail from IFC President), *Transfer Related to Military Service draft 10-25-14.docx*, and *SB331 IU Policy Background 2.docx*]

BB asked if SB311 applied to all state universities. PDL said she served on the taskforce that wrote the proposed policy, and the answer is yes. BB and JXW wondered why basic training could result in 15 credits at IU but only 8 credits at Purdue. EG asked whether this was because of the presence or absence of ROTC programs at the two systems. PDL said that one IU East was already offering 15 credits for basic training, so that was adopted by the taskforce. She added that the number of credits can be adjusted according to CLEP scores etc... EG asked if there were differences resulting from the student being in enlisted or officer ranks.

JCW noted that basic training resulted in undistributed credits under the proposed IU policy. PDL noted that the taskforce sought consistency among the IU campuses in terms of forms of evidence (scores on exams). She pointed out the last two sentences in Policy Statement: "Or, the credits may vary with regard to application to general education or diploma-granting unit requirements. Also, consistency among campuses will be honored, based on the charge of the University Transfer Office." EG asked MBM what was the maximum number of transfer credits allowed at IUPUI. She replied 64 credits was the maximum.

JCW noted that SB311 also contained provisions for encouraging veterans to enroll in education schools with goal of becoming teachers. Overall, the AAC viewed SB331 as a good law. Moreover, the committee unanimously agreed that the proposed policy aligns well with IUPUI's policies and procedures. JCW will communicate the AAC's opinion to IFC President Wokeck.

Post meeting note: JCW shared the proposed policy and background documents with Mike Yard, Senior Lecturer in Biology and retired Army Colonel. His opinion is that 15 credits for basic training is “far too many.” He thought Purdue’s 8 credits were too many, as well. He feels that the varied types of basic training make a single equivalence difficult. He suggested the following wording for the policy: “Due to the fact that each military school/course has unique ‘Learning Outcomes’ required for successful completion, and each is completed within different time frames (weeks to years), requests for undergraduate credit will be evaluated individually. College Credits from 1-15 hrs may be awarded.”

4. Discussion of UFC policy on transfer of credit from 2-year institutions completed at the 100- and 200-level [see *Porter e-mail 4-16-14.pdf* and *transfer-credit-two-year-institutions.pdf*]

JD commented stated that transfer students often request that their 200-level courses count toward 300-level course credit. JCW noted that Dr. Porter’s e-mail stated that IU did not have a clear policy with regard to course numbering. He said that faculty and departments generally define 100-level courses as freshman (introductory) level, 200-level for sophomore level, etc... JXW commented that Purdue has a policy that defines course numbers in a similar way. He expressed concern that altering the current policy will lead to increasing assignment of 300-level credit for 200-level coursework that will weaken the curriculum over time. BB voiced agreement, as did several other AAC members. BB also noted the important differences in mission of 2-year and 4-year schools. PDL noted that the request to change the existing transfer policy could be related to the recent emphasis on general education transfers. JXB and BB suggested that IU should consider creating a course numbering policy.

The members present agreed that the current policy (ACA-56) should remain as is. They also agreed that changing the title of the current policy as suggested would be appropriate. The suggested deletion of the background paragraph appears to be unnecessary since it is not included in the document posted on the IU Policies website.

MEETING ADJOURNED

THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEM WILL CARRY OVER TO NEXT MEETING

5. Discussion of potential policy on credit hour overlap between minor to major or major to second major [see *Porter e-mail 5-14-14.pdf*]