

Dean's Council Minutes
Jan. 20, 2021

Ryan Hinrichs (Chair) Sandra Jamieson, Jason Jordan, Caitlin Killian, Roger Knowles, Marie-Pascale Pieretti; Guests: Maria Masucci

1. Dean's Council discussed and approved the minutes of 12-09-20
2. Dean's Council discussed two exceptional line requests Biology - Anatomy & Physiology (Roger Knowles recused) and Chemistry, which Ryan has requested that Jessica grant. DC discussed which might be prioritized if only one line is available.
3. CAPC for discussion at Faculty Forums. Anecdotal evidence that students were invoking the policy when they earned higher grades to protect GPAs of stronger students. CAPC and administrators are concerned that it is hard to track student progress if they take a third semester of P/LP/U, and it may also have an impact on transfers. Limiting it to one course would address that, and students can apply to Academic Standing if they want to take the P/LP/U for more than one course. Deans Council argued for keeping the policy we had last semester because the adversity students face during Covid has not lessened. (In the Fall, 55% of students who requested P/LP/U did so for one course, so they are self-selecting.) DC encouraged increasing advisor out-reach to students to explain the implications of changing grades. Ryan will take this back to CAPC.
4. Deans Council discussed changes to the Sociology major, a slight change to the requirements, for discussion at the next Faculty Forum.
5. Deans Council discussed Copy in the Faculty Forum folder for discussion at Faculty Forums. Members agreed to focus faculty attention on the blue material, especially assigned time and the new material in VII.2.B and collect feedback and questions for the faculty meeting. Any changes after Forums will be put in red.