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ACADEMIC STANDARDS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE EDUCATION POLICIES COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held October 14, 2021, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in Champ Hall and via Zoom.

MEMBERS

- Renee Galliher, Chair, Associate Vice Provost
- Mykel Beorchia, Advising
- Sterling Bone, Jon M. Huntsman School of Business
- Dan Coster, College of Science
- Fran Hopkin, Registrar's Office
- Porter Casdorff, USUSA
- Kacy Lundstrom, University Libraries
- Robyn Peterson, subcommittee secretary (ex officio; not a voting member)

AGENDA

New Business

- Posthumous Degree Language Adjustment: Janet Anderson or Paul Barr (see Attachment #1)
- Email Communication Policy Language Adjustment: Fran Hopkin (see Attachment #2)

ATTACHMENTS

1) Posthumous Degree Language Adjustment

This suggested policy change has been approved by the Academic Associate Deans, the Deans, Student Affairs, as well as the Provost and President.

Suggested New Policy:

When a current USU student dies, the Office of the Provost will initiate a review of the academic work that has been completed. If it is determined, in consultation with the academic advisor, department head and dean, that the student could have reasonably completed all remaining requirements for a bachelor's or graduate degree with an additional two semesters of enrollment, the degree will be granted. If it is determined that the student could have reasonably completed all remaining requirements for an associate's of science in general studies with an additional one semester of enrollment, the degree will be granted. If the student does not qualify for a posthumous degree, a certificate of achievement may be awarded to honor the work the student completed. If it is determined that a degree can be awarded, the Office of the Provost will work with the Office of the Registrar to have the posthumous degree posted.

Current Policy in Catalog:

A request for a posthumous undergraduate degree must be initiated by the college dean's office. The degree will be granted if the dean's office, in consultation with the academic advisor and department head, determines that the student could have reasonably completed all remaining degree requirements during an additional two semesters of enrollment. The degree request and proof of death (a copy of the obituary or death certificate) must be sent to the University Registrar no later than two weeks prior to the end of the term in which the degree will be granted.

Weber State:

Degrees or certificates may be awarded to students who die or are near death due to illness or accident while progressing satisfactorily toward the completion of a certificate or degree program. The student should have completed approximately seventy-five percent (75%) of the total credits required for that degree or certificate.

University of Utah:

A posthumous award will be considered if a student was in their final semester of study and had applied to graduate. If the student does not qualify for a posthumous degree, a certificate of achievement may be awarded to honor the work the students had completed. The Office of the Dean of Students will assist in contacting the appropriate University officials to request a posthumous degree or certificate of achievement. The diploma or announcement will be released to the designated family member.

2) Email Communication Policy Language Adjustment

The decommissioning of the Aggemail service necessitates a revision to the [Email Communication Policy](#) in the General Catalog.

Suggested New Policy

USU now provides an official A#@usu.edu email account to all students for use during their academic career. The university uses this address to send important communications to students.

University officials, including advisors, professors, administrators, and various office personnel, will use this email account as an official means of communication.

It is the responsibility of all students to check their email accounts on a regular basis. Students will be held accountable as being officially notified when any correspondence is sent by university representatives to their official email account.

Current Policy

All students enrolled at USU must specify a preferred email address in the central system of record. A University-provided account or a commercial service provider email account may be specified. Preferred email addresses may be specified or changed at: <https://id.usu.edu/>.

University officials, including advisors, professors, administrators, and various office personnel, may use a student's preferred email account as an official means of communication.

It is the responsibility of *all* students to check their email accounts on a *regular basis*. Students will be held accountable as being *officially notified* when any correspondence is sent by University representatives to their preferred email accounts.