

EPUS Meeting

11/01/12

### Faculty Assembly Report

Attending: Craig Elder (interim chair), Sandy Berry-Lowe, Mary Beth Chambers  
Robert Hirschfeld, Andrew Ketsdever,  
Absent: Sue Byerley, Tom Napierkowski, Joe Wehrman

Reviewed:

1. Student Fee Policy
2. Wording for ballot on Phase II General Education proposal

Motions:

1. The Educational Policy and University Standards Committee of the Faculty Representative Assembly requests that the full faculty be polled on the topic of course forgiveness.
2. The Educational Policy and University Standards Committee of the Faculty Representative Assembly requests that Faculty Representative Assembly approve the following wording for the poll of the full faculty on the topic of course forgiveness.

UCCS SGA supports the concept of course forgiveness and has requested that the University consider adopting a course forgiveness policy. The UCCS Faculty Representative Assembly has discussed this topic with differing opinions as to whether a course forgiveness policy should be adopted and what the parameters of such a policy might be. EPUS would like to know the will of the full faculty on this issue.

Course forgiveness can have various contingencies however, it usually allows a student to retake a course and have the previous grade replaced with the second attempt. A brief review of other educational institutions in the state indicate that Adams State University, the CSU system, Colorado Mesa University, Fort Lewis College, and University of Northern Colorado currently do have some form of course forgiveness. Colorado College, University of Denver and the CU System do not have current course forgiveness policies, although CU-Boulder did have a pilot program from 2002-2009.

UCCS students performing poorly in a course currently have the option to withdraw from the course or seek an incomplete if there are circumstances that are interfering with their ability to complete their work. Additionally, first year students who are performing poorly are supported through the Universities' Early Alert System.

Please choose one of the following

- I am NOT in favor of UCCS adopting a policy on course forgiveness.
- I would consider supporting a UCCS policy on course forgiveness depending on the parameters included in the policy.

If you would consider supporting UCCS adopting a course forgiveness policy, which of the following parameters do you feel are important? (Choose all that apply.)

- Restrict the length of time allowed between the initial course and the retake.
- Restrict the level of courses that are eligible for forgiveness (ie: 1000 or 2000)
- Limit the number of times a single course could be forgiven.
- Limit the total number of credits that a student could have forgiven.
- Require that the original course grade still be displayed on the transcript even though it would not be calculated in the GPA.
- Restrict the courses that could be forgiven to undergraduate coursework only.
- Restrict the grade which is eligible for forgiveness (ie: D or below)
- Require that the most recent grade in the course, even if it lower than the original grade, be listed on the transcript and calculated in the GPA.
- Courses where students were found guilty of academic dishonesty not eligible for forgiveness.