

Faculty Assembly's
Educational Policy and Planning Committee ([EPPC](#))

MINUTES

March 18, 2025 | 10:00 am

via Zoom: <https://ucdenver.zoom.us/j/97522609238>

In attendance: Chair, Wendy Bolyard, School of Public Affairs; Vice Chair, Jeff Knight, CLAS; Jing Zhang, School of Business; Kodi Saylor, Library; Stephen Hartke, CLAS; Matthew Shea, College of Architecture and Planning; Andrew Bateman, College of Arts & Media

1. **Call to Order:** Wendy called the Meeting at 10:05am.

2. **Approval of Minutes from February**

There was a mistake in February minutes: Stephen did not attend February meeting. Revised Minutes approved.

3. **Microcredentials**

Role of the University Curriculum Committee (UCC)

The ongoing microcredentials discussion may be connected to the Council of Graduate Schools consulting visit. Depending on the structure of graduate education, curriculum approvals raised concerns about the workload for the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) and potential issues with the Registrar's Office. The document provided by TIPS does not give much guidance. It is not clear how microcredentials will be rolled out. There are many citations in the document, but all are very general. The committee seeks more specific data on the benefits (ROI) of the university offering microcredentials.

The committee looked at microcredentials offered by Oregon State University and suggested that CU Denver might take a similar approach.

For clarity, microcredentials are smaller than certificate programs and can be part of one class. The committee discussed concerns about the implementation of microcredentials, expressing uncertainty about the rollout process and the lack of clear guidance. The committee suggested a pilot. The committee also expressed confusion about leadership and authority in the decision-making process.

4. **Final Exam Schedule Confusion**

Stephen expressed concerns about the final exam schedule for the spring semester, which was initially announced but then changed without a new schedule being provided. This has caused confusion and inconvenience for students, who have to adjust their travel plans based on the original schedule.

5. **ATWG: Program Viability**

The ATWG on Program Viability is offering a series of training sessions. Some faculty are worried about their programs be cut due to the viability analysis. The Provost has clarified that the Program Viability process is to innovate and improve programs, not to

cut them. The process is not intended to be a heavy lift for department chairs, but rather to provide them with data and an opportunity to present qualitative data representing the uniqueness of their programs.

6. CGS Consulting Visit

The Council of Graduate Schools consultants will make recommendations on refining the university's procedures related to the graduate education structure. The timeline is of concern as the report is not expected until the end of the semester and a previous report was not implemented. The consultants were viewed as reasonable, and the interim provost shared a suggestion for all units to come under one umbrella to address compliance issues.

7. EPPC Chair & Vice Chair Elections

Anyone interested in these positions, please reach out to Wendy.

Jeff shared about his experience as the vice chair, stating it was an easy role with minimal responsibilities. Wendy encouraged committee members to consider running for the positions, explaining the roles and responsibilities. The election will be held at the May meeting.

8. Other Business / Announcements

The committee also discussed the attendance policy and the need for follow-up.

Everyone was encouraged to participate in the RaCAS event on April 25th.

9. Adjournment, meeting ended at 11am.