

Senate Council Ad Hoc Committee on Educational Activities
Dec. 2, 2022
Minutes

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1. The committee discussed defining certain terms, to help clarify the committee's deliberations within the context of its charge, and to facilitate the committee's messaging. These terms included:

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* Adapted from: *RANDOM HOUSE UNABRIDGED DICTIONARY

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"A unit of educational content with paced delivery to enrolled learners, that includes required interactions (SR 9.23) with the supervising credentialed instructor during a fixed period of time, which culminates in the instructor's assessment of the learner's attainment of specific learning outcomes." (See SR 3.2.3; does not capture individual faculty activities)

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The committee discussed, but did not yet finalize, its thinking about a definition of "credential."

2. The committee then drafted what a letter might say that solicits from the colleges (e.g. from respective Assoc. Deans), examples of noncredit-bearing educational activities (courses, programs and credentials) that are offered by the college. The draft text arrived at by the committee is as follows:

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3. The committee then discussed a possible time table for upcoming steps in the committee's activities. The potential schedule contemplated by the committee at this time is as follows.

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Examples of names of credentials (other than degree)

- Badge
- Certificate
- Track
- Diploma

But examples names of credentials is not a definition of credential... do we need a definition or just use examples?

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