

ACADEMIC POLICY COUNCIL MEETING Minutes

FEBRUARY 27, 2019

9:30 a.m.

239 TIGERT HALL

Minutes taken by Patricia Sohn, APC Chair

Present: Patricia Sohn, Karen Whalen, Dorina Avram, Jack Mecholsky, Angela Lindner, Katie Vogel Anderson, Hans van Oostrom, Laurie Bialosky, Evie Cummings and Chris Hass.

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by council chair Patricia Sohn at 9:32 a.m.

II. Approval of January 30, 2019 Minutes

The minutes were approved.

III. New Business

A. Katie Vogel Anderson, Faculty Senate Chair, was present and spoke briefly to the Council.

B. Assistant Provost and Director of UF Online, Evangeline (Evie) Cummings – [UF Online update: 2019-2024 business plan and Employer Pathways](#)

Evie Cummings spoke about the UF Online program. The UF Online degree program was ranked #5 in US News and World Report, nationally, for 2019. The typical on-line student chooses a program within 100 miles of home, or even within 50 miles of home for some students; thus, the makeup of the on-line student body is somewhat different than initially expected. The Business Bachelor's degree is the largest degree by enrollment, followed by Computer Science, and Biology. The program has 30 majors, 6 minors, and 6 certificates. The program has a goal of 30 majors by 2024. The program has expanded since its inception in 2014, when it had 1200 students. As of 2018 it had 3600 students. It is expected that the program will have 8,416 students by 2024.

C. Associate Provost of Undergraduate Affairs, Angela Lindner – Follow-up regarding Exposure to Animal Tissues (proposed new policy wording) ([Course Tissue Proposed Protocol Link](#))

Angela Lindner provided a follow-up regarding courses in which there is exposure to animal tissue or insects. Recommendations have been made by a number of bodies, committees, and units. Policy language is pending.

- D. Associate Provost of Academic and Faculty Affairs, Chris Hass - Non-tenure Track Faculty Titles There is a concern to ensure that non-tenure track faculty are included and treated as faculty. A reduction in the number of faculty titles on campus was discussed.
- E. *Tabled until March*: Review wording of the APC's charge in the [University Constitution](#), Article V (3)(A)(1) (p. 16). See especially the last phrase: "and academic merits of candidates for administrative positions of academic significance".
 - a. This part of the charge came under discussion in the September 2018 meeting of the APC. Some ideas for changing the wording were raised, particularly the suggestion of making the wording more clearly limited to *policies related to* (evaluation of) merits rather than the (evaluation of) merits of candidates, *per se*. The Committee on Committees (COC) and the University Constitution & Regulations Committee (UCRC) have time to discuss this item this semester, so we may be able to have a change made.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.