

ACADEMIC POLICY COUNCIL (APC)

Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2019

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

239 Tigert Hall

Minutes taken by APC Chair, Patricia Sohn

Present: Patricia Sohn, Karen Whalen, Jack Mecholsky, Angela Lindner, and Laurie Bialosky.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m.
2. The meeting minutes from February 27, 2019 were approved.
3. [Academic Policy Council Charge](#) in the [University Constitution](#), Article V (3)(A)(1) (p. 16) was discussed. It was recommended that we change the wording of the APC charge to the following:
  - a. “Academic Policy: The council’s area encompasses educational policy, including the creation, modification, or deletion of academic programs and units; curriculum; academic standing; relationship of academic units to each other; [and general policies concerning student instruction, and academic merits for administrative positions of academic significance.](#)” Change is highlighted.
4. Exposure to Animal Tissues and Insects – Associate Provost Angela Lindner. A training module is being developed for all students in courses in which there is any exposure to animal tissues or to insects. The launch of specific wording for all salient syllabi is being voted upon by the UCC in Fall 2019. The training module and specific language for syllabi relate to a process through which students will be educated as to relevant risks from exposure to animal tissues or to insects in classroom settings.
5. Update on [Quest Program](#) – Associate Provost Angela Lindner. There will be a Quest update to the Faculty Senate at the May and August Faculty Senate meetings. Every student will eventually be required to take a Quest course. The Good Life course will become one of the Quest options. Quest 1 (Humanities) is required in Fall 2020. Quest 2 (Natural or Social Sciences) is required with Quest 1 starting in Fall 2021. Quest 1 and 2 are prerequisites for Quest 3 (Experiential Learning). Quest 3 will be required by all students by Fall 2027. Quest 4 is projected to be available as an optional capstone course offered by the student’s home department. It is being proposed that a new General Education designation – Q – be made available to students, as well as to faculty who want to teach the Q courses.
6. A reminder that we will vote for new APC chair at the April APC meeting was announced.
7. Non-Tenure Track Lines – it was announced that part of the discussion from our February APC meeting had gone to the Welfare Council. It was also discussed at the March Steering Committee meeting.
8. There was a brief discussion of agenda items for the April 24, 2019 APC meeting.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.