

Academic Policy Council
Annual Report 2019-2020

Council Members (Senators): Hans van Oostrom (Chair), Dorina Avram, Angela Bacsik, Jack Mecholsky, Patricia Sohn (Spring 2020), Richard Scholtz (Fall 2019), and Andrew Zimmerman.

Administrative Liaisons: Chris Hass, Joe Glover, and Angela Lindner.

Contributing Chairs: Deborah Mayhew, Youssef Haddad, Paul Duncan, and John Krigbaum.

Student: Mary Katherine 'MK' Delegal.

This annual report summarizes major discussions and issues addressed by the Academic Policy Council for 2019-2020.

CHARGE OF ACADEMIC POLICY COUNCIL. This year, there was further refinement of the charge to ensure that APC isn't responsible for vetting individual administrators, but rather policies regarding qualifications required for administrative position.

UF CREDIT EARNED WHILE IN A NON-DEGREE STATUS. APC reviewed a new policy to allow credit earned by UF students in UF courses while in a non-degree status to be used towards a degree program.

SYLLABUS POLICY. APC reviewed new language regarding the new Gator Evals system and new language for the Disability Resource Center accessibility statement.

FACULTY TITLES. Several discussions were held about non-tenure-track titles to bring them in line with other universities and to better reflect those faculty's activities. In addition, a review of titles is needed to potentially reduce the numbers. Discussion also focused on the use of working titles in addition to the official HR title.

EMERGENCY S/U POLICY FOR SPRING 2020. APC approved the emergency S/U policy to allow undergraduate students to choose to switch to S/U grading as their education was affected by COVID-19. A similar policy was approved for graduate courses.

POLICY RIDER. A policy rider was approved to allow UF faculty and administration to make academic policy changes in emergency situations.