

ACADEMIC POLICY COUNCIL (APC) MINUTES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2019

239 TIGERT HALL

4:00 p.m.

Present: Angela Bacsik, Dorina Avram, Chris Hass, Deb Mayhew, Hans van Oostrom, Andrew Zimmerman, Laurie Bialosky, Angela Lindner, and Ray G. Thomas.

1. Call to Order & Introduction of Council Members and Liaisons

-The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. and members and liaisons were introduced.

2. Election of APC Chair

-Hans van Oostrom was elected APC Chair for Fall 2019. A Spring 2020 APC Chair election will be held.

3. Approval of Minutes from April 24, 2019

-The minutes were approved as amended to correct the APC Chair election year.

4. Old Business

a. Update re: "Charge" of Academic Policy Council

-The council charge language agreed upon by the APC in the spring was brought to the University Constitution and Regulations Committee (UCRC). UCRC requested that the APC Chair attend one of its meetings to assist with review of the new proposal and the new chair agreed to do so.

b. Suggestions for 2019-20 APC Agenda Items

-Suggestions include discussion of multi-year contracts for non-tenure faculty, which may have increased relevance due to the increased number of faculty hirings.

-APC discussed considerations of faculty titles. This item also appeared on council's agenda from the last academic year and one discussion example is the consideration of replacing the title of Lecturer with Teaching Assistant Professor.

-The Faculty Senate Chair referenced his discussions with various deans regarding the tenure and promotion process, including the role of the Academic Policy Board (APB) regarding highly specialized faculty and the role of university and college level evaluations. Generally, teaching and research skills need to be demonstrated for the attainment of the title of Associate Professor and service to community and university are generally major considerations when a faculty member moves to full professorship from the Associate Professor level.

-Council can examine regulations and issues such as distance learning faculty evaluation differentials, peer evaluation factors, and which evaluation components are most

meaningful, particularly in how non-tenure track faculty are promoted.

-APC can review these best practices on current faculty guidelines to help assure guideline uniformity and adequateness, particularly considering differentials in economic realities between units and funding mechanisms.

-The Faculty Senate Chair suggests council explore if the UF campus tour experience is positive. Council may invite VP for Enrollment Management and Associate Provost Zina Evans to present campus tour feedback data. Dr. Evans will also be invited to present to Senate regarding admissions and acceptance process and the role of legacy.

- c. **Academic Policy Council meeting times** for this Fall 2019 in 239 Tigert Hall:
 - i. Tuesday, October 22 10:30 – Noon
 - ii. Tuesday, November 19 10:30 – Noon
 - iii. Wednesday, December 4 10:30 – Noon

5. New Business

Due to a lack of time, the items below were moved to the October APC agenda:

- a. [Proposed policy change for UF Credit Earned While in a Non-Degree Status](#)
-Distributed by Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs, Angela Lindner.
- b. [Office Hour memo](#)
-Florida requires 12 contact hours. Please review and provide feedback at the next council meeting.
- c. **Updates and potential updates to syllabi requirements**
 - i. [GatorEvals Syllabus Statement](#)
-Associate Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs Chris Hass distributed this proposed syllabus statement.
 - ii. **The 9/13/19 [Administrative Memo draft](#)** proposes new language to the [current Policy on Course Syllabi](#). The Disability Resource Center (DRC) suggests this draft course accessibility statement replace item number seven in the [current Policy on Course Syllabi](#).

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.