

ACADEMIC POLICY COUNCIL MINUTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019

Reitz Union, Chamber Room

3:00 p.m.

Present: Angela Bacsik, Richard Scholtz, Angela Lindner, Laurie Bialosky, Hans van Oostrom, and Chris Hass.

1. Call to Order - Hans van Oostrom, APC Chair

-The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. Approval of October 22, 2019 Minutes

-The minutes were approved.

3. Old Business

Updates:

a. Chosen Name Display and Pilot

–Council Chair provided an update following Billy Huff’s visit to council last year, when council discussed an alternative to the discussed memo. The university and the division of Student Affairs continued work on this issue, resulting in the recent distribution of a [Chosen Name Pilot](#). While a chosen name field already exists in the UF directory, this initiative is meant to help integrate such a field in Canvas.

b. [Office Hour memo](#)

-Dr. Hass will do a final review before presenting this item at the December council and Steering Committee meetings.

c. GatorEvals

-Dr. Hass reviewed the GatorEvals roadmap and opened discussion as to if the questions seemed appropriate and valuable. An overview of the GatorEval process was provided and the website introduced, including the logo which was created by students to strengthen the student partnership with faculty in this project/process. An overview was also provided of the: web menus; syllabi statement updates; evaluation features and access, including downloadable reports; response rates; and ability of faculty to now be able to select five questions specific to a course and submit the proposed questions to the college for consideration or inclusion in the evals.

- The student welcome screen, online questions, and the internal faculty views were also reviewed.
- Opt-in mid-term evaluations are available. The benefits of utilizing midterm evaluations was discussed.
- As the GatorEval period approaches, Dr. Hass can send faculty a reminder to be sure their app is open and the evals have been activated.
- Helping students understand professional communication is a primary goal. A video by President Fuchs about professional communication is included.
- In addition to being on the website, there will be a drop box option for faculty to utilize for distribution.
- Faculty Councils have provided feedback, including areas such as the suggested student comments section.
- In assembling and preparing for GatorEvals, the Office of Academic Affairs has met with every department on campus.

d. Academic Policy Council Charge

–The primary issue relating to the currently worded constitutional charge of APC is that it is possible to currently interpret it as: the APC is charged with evaluating academic candidates when in actuality, the APC is responsible for the policies surrounding academic merits of academic positions. The following draft wording was agreed upon and will be presented to the University Constitution and Regulations Committee at their December 4th meeting: See: [APC-suggested APC Charge](#).

di. Faculty Titles –

–Earlier today, the Compensation Committee met and discussed [Faculty Titles](#).
 -Defined pathways to promotion is vital, as well as consistent promotion requirements within and between different colleges and disciplines.
 -Dr. Hass has visited Faculty Councils, including in the College of Engineering, which continues to discuss this issue.
 -Promotion guidelines for titles will be a continued consideration and topic within the councils

dii. [Proposed policy change for UF Credit Earned While in a Non-Degree Status](#)

– This item will be placed on council’s December 4th or Spring agenda.

4. Adjournment

-The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.