

**Academic Policy Council Minutes**  
**February 7, 2011**  
**429 Library West**

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Attendees:

Nancy Poehlmann  
Angel Kwolek-Folland  
Joe Glover  
Barbara Wingo  
Jack Mecholsky  
Zina Evans  
Bernard Mair  
Henry Frierson

The meeting was called to order at 1:09 PM

The September minutes were approved.

Nancy Poehlmann mentioned that concern has been raised about that National Merit Scholarship funding might be discontinued. Zina Evans explained that the funding will continue. What has changed is the distribution. Originally, National Merit used very limited factors. Institutions have started to use different criteria to award scholarships. The university can get a better sense of the student during the admissions process instead of basing the award on one test score in the student's junior year. Contact Dr. Evans if there are more questions.

The Chair of the Faculty Senate asked that the APC have a conversation about the formation of a school in the College of Engineering and what is considered an "affected unit". It was noted that the majority of the College of Engineering faculty approve of the way the Dean handled the change and that process was followed. After review, the APC decided that the process was followed. However it was emphasized that the APC is used only if there are problems with the process. The APC does not see a role in this case.

The APC was asked to review the issue with grades and the use of minus (-) after it was brought to the attention of the Steering Committee. A suggestion was made to ask Institutional Research to do a college distribution of grades analysis.

Setting Priorities

- Interdisciplinary Education – was a topic from last year
- Academic Work Plan – was from the year before
- Distance Learning, Including Proctoring an Exam – We do not do major online tests without a proctor.
- International Center – especially with SACS international.

Short discussion about the lack of attendance at Academic Policy Council meetings. Is it a problem that members of the Council have to be Faculty Senate members? Will have to take this up with the Faculty Senate

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM.