Academic Policy Council Minutes April 9, 2012 3:00 p.m. 429 Library West

Attendees:

Carol Murphy, Nina Caputo, David Julian, Angel Kwolek-Folland, Cynthia Morton, Sue Alvers, Henry Frierson, Maria Rogal, Bernard Mair.

Call to Order

Cynthia Morton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:59 p.m. The March minutes were approved.

Graduate Program Review – DPIP Survey update

Cynthia thanked the council for its input on the DPIP survey that she sent out to the deans. She received a response from one dean. Cynthia plans to send out a reminder to the deans that the survey deadline is April 16.

Good Life Course

Bernard Mair presented information on the Good Life Course at the last meeting. Cynthia asked is anyone has heard problems with the course. This course will need increased TA support and there is concern as to where the departments will find enough graduate students to teach. At the moment, it's hard to predict how many TAs are needed for the course, but the thought is 25 per semester. Students will have one hour with a TA and a one hour lecture each week. It is preferred that the TAs have a BA in Humanities.

Block Exam Policy

Cynthia presented a request from Dr. William Logan in the English Department to reconsider the university's block exam policy. Block exams are usually given in the evening many times at the same time as evening classes. Scott Nygren, Faculty Senate Chair, asked the APC to review Dr. Logan's proposal. The council wondered whether there really is a problem because council members have not heard complaints. How many courses are affected by this? Currently, students have an option to take a block exam make-up. However, students are choosing to take the exam instead of attending class. APC will request more information from Dr. Logan.

Recorded Lectures

Steering Committee asked that the APC and Infrastructure Councils work jointly on recorded lectures and intellectual property. Questions have been raised about who owns your notes and lectures that are posted on the web. What if your presentation includes unpublished data or patented material? What happens students getting recorded and FERPA? The Infrastructure Council's next meeting is Thursday, April 19 at 1 pm in Library East, Conference Room 2B. Nina Caputo volunteered to attend that meeting.

New Business

Maria Rogal was elected as chair of the council for 2012-2013.

Meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.