

**Academic Policy Council Minutes**  
**March 12, 2012**  
**3:00 p.m. 429 Library West**

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**Attendees:**

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

**Call to Order**

Cynthia Morton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The February minutes were approved.

**Graduate Program Initiative**

The Council did a quick review of the conversation at the last meeting on the Graduate Program Initiative and the Doctoral Program Improvement Plan Review Committee. Henry Frierson noted that the DPIIP Review Committee's role is to determine which programs are strong and which need attention, not deciding the funding for each. The council then turned toward the correspondence that the council plans to send to Deans/DPR Committee Chairs to explore the processes that colleges across campus have applied to evaluate their doctoral programs this year. Cynthia distributed a draft that she wrote to use as a starting point for the council. After several revisions, the council decided that Cynthia will send the final draft to council members for their consideration one more time before she distributes to the deans.

**Good Life Course**

Bernard Mair stated that the Good Life Course was started by the President in 2008 to reinvigorate Humanities. In 2010, the first course was made available to honor students. It exposes students to a variety of subjects and activities outside the classroom. This is a level 2000 course and plans are to make it a required course for freshmen starting Summer 2013. The Good Life Course is interdisciplinary with funding from the Provost's Office. More discussion ensued on the challenge of providing high quality teaching assistants for this class. Bernard noted that the Good Life Course is waived for Innovation Academy students for the 2013 group and the course does not replace the First Year Florida Course.

**Online Evaluations**

Student evaluations of faculty and courses have declined since the evaluations have gone online. Bernard suggested that Professors should place a reminder in their syllabus. It's against federal regulations to withhold grades, so finding a solution to force student to fill in the evaluation is difficult. Separation of the evaluations for faculty and teaching assistants would be helpful. A suggestion was made that this is something that the Welfare Council should discuss in the 2012-2013 academic year.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.