

**Academic Policy Council Minutes**  
**November 2, 2011**  
**11:30 a.m. 429 Library West**

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**Attendees:**

Maria Rogal, Cynthia Morton, Nancy Poehlmann, Sue Alvers, Ken Gerhardt, Carol Murphy, Nina Caputo, Angel Kwolek-Folland, and David Julian.

**Call to Order**

Nancy Poehlmann, co-chair, called the meeting to order at 11:37 a.m. The October minutes were approved.

**Graduate Program Renewal Discussion**

The council thanked Carol Murphy for giving an overview of the APC discussion on Graduate Program Renewal and facilitating the Topical Discussion at the October Faculty Senate. Communication should be improved to the colleges. Many college/department essays state how high the graduate program is ranked instead of explaining ways for improvement. The Council recommends that each College's Shared Governance body be involved in writing the narrative. Representatives on the Graduate Program Renewal committee should represent groupings of disciplines instead of individual colleges.

**Appointment of SACS Steering Committee member**

Maria Rogal agreed to be the SACS Committee Representative.

**Promotion and Tenure**

Angel distributed information on USC and how they amended their promotion and tenure guidelines to include instructions on how to weigh interdisciplinary research and collaborative scholarship.

**Honorary Degree Request**

Dr. Glover explained to the Council that the University does not have a policy in place for awarding degrees to students posthumously. In practice, if a student has finished 75% of their course work, the university will award a degree; however, what happens if the student has only been going to the University for less than a year? Dr. Glover asked the Council if it will research and come up with an recommendation.

**Goals and Issues**

Issues we will address:

- Evaluation of faculty
- Electronic Tenure and Promotion
- Proctor U
- Interdisciplinary Programs
- Posthumous vs honorary degrees

Maria will look into other schools' practice about posthumous degrees. Cynthia will invite Andy McCollough to our December meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.