

Academic Policy Council Minutes

September 7, 2011

11:30 a.m. 429 Library West

Attendees:

Nancy Poehlmann, Angel Kwolek-Folland, Cynthia Morton, Henry Frierson, Carol Murphy, Scott Nygren, Dave Julian, Nina Caputo, Maria Rogal and Sue Alvers

Call to Order

Nancy Poehlmann, co-chair, called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. Introductions were made and the minutes from April 2011 were approved.

Charge for the coming year

Scott Nygren, Faculty Senate Chair, explained that he has asked the Faculty Senate councils to play a role in different issues. Budget Council will focus on benefits restructuring and RCM, while Welfare Council is monitoring self-insurance. He asked the Academic Policy Council to follow the President's initiative for this year - Graduate Program Renewal. What can we do to make programs stronger? The administration is not looking to cut faculty or programs, but trying to find ways to improve without extra resources. The charge from the Provost's office went out to the deans August 24, 2011 with preliminary reports due in November and final in January 2012. The emphasis on this initiative is on Ph.D. programs. Professional schools are not involved. Scott asked APC to lead a "topical discussion" on the Graduate Program Renewal at the October Senate meeting. Suggestion on guests to invite to future APC meetings might be Steve Humphries, Ben Dunn, Joe Glover. Discussion continued on different program models, joint Ph.D. programs, globalization and online/distance education.

APC role in Governance

Nancy noted that the council had questions about its role in governance last year. Several faculty thought that one of the APC's duties is an appeals group for colleges. The only time the APC becomes involved is if the issue goes beyond the college level. Faculty-at-large do not understand the APC's charge.

Issues for the Council for 2011-2012

- Graduate Program Renewal
- Distance Learning & Online Security
- Grade Inflation
- Implementation of Minus Grades
- Evaluation of Faculty by Students
- Relook at Spring 2012 scheduled meetings

Guests to be invited to next meeting

- Joe Glover
- Ben Dunn

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.