

Academic Policy Council Minutes
September 13, 2012,
101 Conference Room, Fine Arts Building C
2:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Carol Murphy, Nina Caputo, Angel Kwolek-Folland, Sue Alvers, Henry Frierson, Maria Rogal, Bernard Mair, Renee Goodrich, Angela Lindner, Cheri Brodeur, Jen Day Shaw, Jessica Aaron, Nicole Sheridan, Craig Tapley and Seth Mahl

Call to Order

Maria Rogal, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. After introductions, the April minutes were approved with revision.

Cheri Brodeur welcomed the new members and noted that the policy councils are very important. She emphasized that this year will be interesting because of the many issues that the councils will handle.

Posthumous Degrees

Angela Lindner, Assoc Dean for Undergraduate Studies

Angela Lindner presented a new draft of the posthumous degrees policy that a committee from the Dean of Students office has revised. The proposal presented includes not only Bachelor degree candidates but also Professional and Graduate degrees. A long discussion ensued. It was noted that awarding posthumous degrees should be standardized across the university. Thoughts are to approach the College Faculty Council chairs to ask what their faculty recommend. The council leaned toward awarding the family of the deceased student something, but did not know whether it should be a certificate, degree from the college or generic degree. There will be more discussion at the November 2012 meeting.

Discussion of proposed items for this year's agenda

- Online evaluations
 - Since evaluations have gone online, there has been a decline of submissions. This was discussed last year during several APC meetings.
 - Welfare Council is also reviewing the online evaluations. Does the APC want to keep investigating? On what basis?
 - Craig Tapley pointed out that out of his 400 students, only 16 completed the evaluation.
 - Seth Mahl noted that the online evaluation is not user friendly
 - APC could have a joint subcommittee with Welfare Council to investigate the low evaluation submission.
 - Council agreed to ask Andy McCullough to attend a meeting for an update. Has evaluation submissions improved?
- Doctoral Program Improvement Plan
 - Cynthia Morgan, past chair, sent Maria Rogal the finished the dean survey report from last year. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

- Infrastructure Council
 - Nina Caputo gave a short report on the April Infrastructure Council meeting that she attended which pertained to academic freedom and the recording of courses and lectures.
 - Nina noted that Infrastructure was asked last year to investigate questions of student privacy and faculty and student intellectual property.
 - It was brought up in the Infrastructure meeting that there is an old directive from the early distance learning initiatives that does not address the issues. Barbara Wingo was asked to draft a policy that clarifies related issues and a memo will circulate to faculty for review.

Meeting Rooms

Maria noted that the location of future meetings will be in the President's Conference Room, Tigert 226.

Meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.