

MEETING AGENDA

Academic Policy Council

January 31, 2013, 3–5PM

Tigert 226, President's Conference Room

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1. Approval of December 2012 Minutes
2. Updates
 - a. Posthumous Degree Policy Recommendation
 - b. Doctoral Program Improvement Plan Report (DPIP)
3. General Education Courses Faculty Input
 - a. All input due 1/31 (see attachment)
 - b. Discussion Website: <http://blog.senate.ufl.edu/2013/01/08/gen-ed-core-courses-faculty-input/>
 - c. APC Input?
4. Term (Block) Exams Policy Review Request
 - a. Update and next steps
5. Faculty Review of Administrators
 - a. Survey Results (handout)
6. New Business
 - a. Student Concerns (Seth Mahl)

*Referenced reports are available online. If physical copies of reports are needed for the meeting, please contact the Council Chair, Maria Rogal (mrogal@ufl.edu) no less than 24 hours prior to meeting time.

January 8, 2013 - Email from Cheri Brodeur on Gen Ed

Requirements

In 2012 the Florida legislature amended House Bill 7135 (section 1007.25). This means some significant changes to the general education program which impacts post-secondary education in the state. It is imperative that you review these changes and how they may affect you, your department and your college.

The current 36-hour core course requirement was changed to 30 hours in the five subject areas of communication, humanities, mathematics, natural sciences and social sciences. Here is the important part: Faculty committees appointed by the chairs of the state Board of Education and the Board of Governors were directed to identify a list of no more than five post-secondary courses in each subject area which will make up the core course options. The statute mandates that all institutions must offer and accept these general education core courses and that students must complete at least one identified core course in each subject area which means that 15 hours of the total 30 hours of core courses must come from the mandated list. This significantly reduces choices that students can have in core courses and requires that some courses that may not presently be offered at UF be added.

You will find a copy of the initial draft recommendations of the general education steering and faculty committees, the statute, and a

timeline that must be completed to implement these changes at the senate discussion site located on the [Faculty Senate Website](#).

Please review the [General Education Core Courses](#) that are being recommended by the State-wide General Education Steering and Faculty Committees and provide your input here no later than Jan. 31, 2013. Your responses will be used to develop the University of Florida response to the DOE/BOG institution initial feedback. Remember this is now statute and comments should relate to how you, your department and college may be impacted through the adoption of these courses.