

Academic Policy Council Minutes

December 12, 2012
Tigert 226, 2:00 p.m.

Attendees

Carol Murphy, Henry Frierson, Creed Greer, Renée Goodrich, Maria Rogal, Nicole Stedman, Jessica Aaron, Angel Kwolek-Folland, John Leavey.

Call to Order

Maria Rogal, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. The November minutes were approved with correction.

Spring Meeting Schedule

Meeting time and dates for the spring semester were established. The meetings will take place on Thursdays, 3 – 5 p.m., on January 31, February 14, March 14, and April 11. Except for January, the meetings will take place in the Bryant conference room. The January meeting location is to be determined.

Faculty Review of Administrators

Maria Rogal indicated that the update on the Faculty Review of Administrators will occur at our January 2013 meeting. Responses from College Faculty Council Chairs are due back on January 14, 2013.

Engineering Transcript Change Request

The Council discussed a request by College of Engineering Senators Joe Wilson and Meera Sitharam, following a statement of Associate Dean of Engineering Mark Law, to change the transcript language for two Bachelor's Degrees in Computer Engineering due to the ABET requirement for reaccreditation. ABET requires that only the major be listed in the major field. The departments involved also wanted the emphasis in each major to be listed on the transcript. In discussion with Associate Provost Bernard Mair, the Council determined that the most expeditious manner of changing the transcript to reflect different emphases is to change the catalog language. This requires approval by the college and the University Curriculum Committee. Maria Rogal will inform the Engineering Senators, Joe Wilson and Meera Sitharam, with copies to Cheri Brodeur, Bernard Mair, and Mark Law.

Posthumous Degree Policy Recommendation

Associate Provost Bernard Mair distributed a document to the Council clearly delineating our proposed policy change for posthumous recognition of UF students. For students who pass away while at UF, regardless of their progress toward completion of their degree requirements, there will be an "In Memoriam Degree" with language appropriate to the student's scholarly endeavors, university involvement and other personal qualities. In addition, there is a "Posthumous UF Degree" for deceased students who made significant progress toward completion of their degree program (at least 80%) and have the support of the majority of the degree program faculty. The Council approved the language of the document. Action: Refer to the Faculty Senate Steering Committee.

Block Exam Policy

Discussion of Block Exams ensued. The following language change on the UF Block Exam Policy was adopted by the Council. The sentence "If other classes are scheduled during an exam time, instructors

must provide make-up class work for students who miss class because of an assembly exam” will be removed and replaced by “Any student whose scheduled class conflicts with a block exam shall be given the option of a make-up exam. The student with such a conflict must notify the instructor to schedule a make-up exam, per course policy.” Action: Refer to the Faculty Senate Steering Committee.

Doctoral Program Improvement Plan Report (DPIP) and APC Survey of the DPIP Process—Next Steps

Dean of the Graduate School Henry Frierson gave the Council an update on the DPIP Report. College Deans have been asked by President Machen to indicate what kinds of actions they are taking to address the report and its findings. They will forward their responses to the Provost who will make his report in January. Dean Frierson stressed the non-punitive nature of the doctoral review, indicating that the idea behind it was to allow all doctoral programs to respond to the questions raised and to suggest improvements in their programs. The plan is to seek closure on the report. New sources of funding for doctoral program improvements have not yet been identified.

The next item of discussion concerned what the APC should do with the survey concerning the DPIP exercise that it sent to all colleges with doctoral programs. The Council empowered the Chair to distribute the survey report by returning it to the colleges, posting it on our website, and sharing it with the Faculty Senate Steering Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.