

Academic Policy Council Minutes November 14, 2012, Tigert 226, 2:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Nina Caputo, Nicole Stedman, Jessica Aaron, Carol Murphy, Hank Frierson, Bernard Mair, Maria Rogal, Craig Tapley, Creed Greer, Renee Goodrich, Joe Glover, Sue Alvers, and John Leavey

Call to Order

Maria Rogal, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The October minutes were approved with correction.

Doctoral Program Improvement Plan Report (DPIP); Next Steps

Council members discussed two reports that were distributed last month: Doctoral Program Improvement Plan Report and the DPIP Survey Report. The DPIP Survey Report was done by the APC last year and distributed in October. Some members noted that they haven't had time to read the APC report and asked for more time to review it. After a long discussion, the Council decided to put this on the agenda for the December meeting. There was a question as to whether asking/reviewing what the next steps will be for the colleges in response to the Committee report is within the purview of the council. Maria plans to ask President Machen or Provost Glover at the next Steering Committee meeting what the next steps are in terms of acting on the DPIP since no action had been taken at the university level on the report.

Posthumous Degrees

Maria sent out a survey to the College Faculty Council Chairs asking what their college's policy is for awarding posthumous degrees. She only received six responses out of 16 colleges. As the council started to discuss different options, Bernard distributed another proposal for posthumous recognition of UF students. This proposal would award an "In Memoriam" Degree that would look like a degree, but not a degree, to all students who died. Students who died near completion of her/his degree would most likely receive a degree.

Craig made a motion to award a university wide generic (In Memoriam) degree for all University of Florida students who have died. Nina seconded. After discussion, the motion passed.

Carol made a motion to approve conferring a posthumous degree to a student who is near completion of her/his degree (generally in last two semesters) to recognize the academic achievement of that student who, in all likelihood, would have fulfilled the requirements of the degree. In all such cases, conferral of a degree must also be balanced with attention to academic and institutional integrity. Nina seconded. After discussion, the motion passed with one opposed.

Jurisdiction of Student Credit Hours

Nina mentioned that she's noticed that some colleges are teaching general education courses in their college instead of the student taking the course in CLAS or CFA. Many classes are online and will provide credit outside the norm. Due to time constraints, the council plans to add this to its January agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.