

Academic Policy Council Minutes

February 12, 2014

McCarty Hall D Room 1031-B

Attendees

Hans van Oostrom, Carol Murphy, Jessica Aaron, Renée Goodrich, Sue Alvers, Nicole Stedman, Bernard Mair, Angel Kwolek-Folland, and David Miller.

Call to Order

Renée Goodrich, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The January minutes were approved with corrections.

Committee Reports

- University Curriculum Committee – Hans van Oostrom
 - Not much happening. Some items will be coming before the Senate.
- Steering Committee – Renée Goodrich
 - Marc encouraged members to attend the town halls, distinguished professor lectures and round table.
 - President Machen talked about the pre-eminence hiring
 - Galia explained that a representative from IDEA Education gave a presentation on administrator surveys and student surveys at the Welfare Council

Faculty Review of Administrators

- Steve Benton from IDEA Education was at the Welfare Council discussing this topic.
- IDEA has tools for department chairs and students, but no longer has a tool for deans.
- Welfare Council decided that it wasn't going to continue to do more on this issue due to the presidential transition.
- Concern was raised by APC that this was an important issue. Renée will contact Marc Heft for guidance on what to do next.
- Renée mentioned that Marc is interested in what other universities are doing in the area of administrator evaluations. She researched five universities that are listed on the Faculty Senate website as peer institutions. She presented a [draft document plan](#) to give to the Steering Committee
 - How should we use the data?
 - Some universities have a system wide policy.
 - Suggestion: Should we contact the college councils to ask about chair reviews like we did with the deans last year?
 - Suggestion: We should contact Marc about bringing this subject up at the CFCC meeting.

Internationalization of programs

- The new International Center dean will be a guest at one of the APCs meetings when he is settled and SACs accreditation is over.

Top 10 Metrics

- Bernard showed a slide of the Top 10 benchmarks for preeminence.
- What faculty were hired with the preeminence funding?

Online Evaluations

- At the last meeting, it was noted that since students have started doing their course evaluations online, responses have declined.
- Bernard asked the council to view a video that was produced by the College of Business and is posted on the Gator Rater website explaining why it is important for students to fill out course evaluations. Council members were critical of the information on the video and requested that the webmaster take it down. Carol made a motion with Jessica and Hans seconding it. The council voted to take down the video. The council wants a video with a more uniform message for all colleges. Suggestion: It would be a more powerful video if the message was from students.
- Faculty can use the same process as paper evaluations, for example providing time in class for evaluations and reminding students that evaluations indeed have an impact. Students have smart phones and can do the online evaluations from their phones.

Revision/Clarification of Senate approval for new majors within existing programs

- Bernard asked the council if they thought it was necessary for Senate approval of majors that will not go before the Board of Governors. If the Senate is taken out of the process, it would streamline the approval process by stopping at the University Curriculum Committee.
- After discussion, the council wants the Senate to continue as part of the process

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.