

Academic Policy Council Minutes

January 15, 2014

McCarty Hall D Room 1031-B

Attendees

Hans van Oostrom, Carol Murphy, Jessica Aaron, Seth Mahl, Renée Goodrich, Sue Alvers, Nicole Stedman, Craig Tapley, Maria Rogal and Henry Frierson.

Call to Order

Renée Goodrich, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. The December minutes were approved with corrections.

Committee Reports

- Student Petitions – Craig Tapley
 - Nothing to report. Things are going well for the committee.
- University Curriculum Committee – Hans van Oostrom
 - Some items will be coming before the Senate.
- Faculty Senate – Renée Goodrich
 - Renée was on the agenda for the Faculty Senate meeting and did a presentation about the APC.
 - Bernard Mair did a presentation on [UF CORE](#). The Grand Challenge (Signature Core) RFP proposal is due in March.
 - Questions were asked how members of the council were informed about the Grand Challenge. Some heard it from their deans and others from the Faculty Senate meeting. Bernard Mair also did a presentation at the Town Hall meeting.
 - It was mentioned that better communication is needed with faculty since many did not know about the UFCore process.
 - Several council members stated that they have heard positive responses about the Good Life course.
 - Renée will ask Bernard for evaluations of the Good Life and discuss the need for more communication with faculty. Seth will research the student perspective on the course.
 - Internationalization for promotion and tenure was discussed
 - The UF Online conference last month had a great turnout with about 200 people attending.
 - Bernard Mair mentioned that about 400-500 students (all transfer students) will start UF Online January 2014

Faculty Review of Administrators

- At the Steering Committee meeting, Marc Heft asked that the APC continue to review and compare this issue to our peer institutions. He asked that members reach out to their peers at other universities to see what policies they have for reviewing administrators.
- Maria mentioned that last year, the council found that most of the colleges have reviewing administrators covered in their constitutions. However are these policies met?

- It was suggested that the Faculty Senate Chair should ask the College Faculty Council Chairs to share if their college has a policy about evaluating the deans every five years. The council as reminded that the faculty should not receive the results of their college's dean evaluation.

Metrics for Top 10 Public University ranking

- Who is making decisions on the top 10 hiring allocations?
- Which top 10 are we trying to achieve preeminence?
- The council thought that it should invite the Provost and ask at a meeting.
- What is academic preeminence?

Examine internationalization of programs across UF

- Renée plans to invite the new dean of the International Center to a meeting.
- Do we meet the SACS criteria for internationalization?
- Seth mentioned that it is easy at UF to apply and study abroad.
- It was noted that we have a small undergraduate international student population. Most of the international students are in graduate school.

Online evaluation

- Online student evaluations are declining instead of increasing.
- Overall student evaluations are decreasing, but several of the council members mentioned that they have had over a 70% response rate from their classes.
- Student's online comments are important to faculty and wish that faculty had access to that information.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.