

Academic Policy Council Minutes

January 21, 2015

McCarty D Room 1031B

3:00 p.m.

Attendees

Bernard Mair, Beverly Sanders, Henry Frierson, Craig Tapley, Paul Mueller, Angel Kwolek-Folland, Renée Goodrich, Nicole Stedman, Alison Reynolds, Jessica Aaron and Sue Alvers

Call to Order

Renée Goodrich, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. and the December minutes were approved.

Electronic (Online Course/Faculty Evaluations)

- Executive summary of a CALS report provided by Nicole Stedman
- Highlights on motivating students to complete online assessments include
 - Frequent reminders during assessment period
 - Making time in class to use electronic devices
 - Developing relationship with students that make them want to help
 - Demonstrate value of feedback to instructor throughout the entire semester
- Next steps to develop best practices recommendations for use at the end of semester 2015

Role of Faculty governance in UF Online –

- Craig Tapley is on the UF Online Advisory Committee.
- Members of the UF Online Advisory Committee were invited to attend meetings with candidates for the New Director's position.
- The New Director will probably report to Andy McCollough.
- Concern was raised about the equivalency of fully online undergraduate degrees to campus-based degrees.

Teaching and Global Issues

- After discussing whether the university has instituted globalization into our courses to be consistent with Quality Enhancement Program, the APC decided to invite the Dean of the International Center to the February meeting.
- Questions were raised as to how internationalization would be added to courses such as chemistry and math.
- Suggestion: Research other AAU universities to learn who else is exploring globalization.
- Many on the committee were struggling with the difference between internationalization and globalization.

Discussion

- Alison Reynolds asked that the council work on some issues:
 - Revise the Tuesday/Thursday class schedules
 - Adding a Teaching Track for Tenure (Welfare Council)
 - To increase faculty contracts from one year to three years (Welfare Council)

The council adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.