

Academic Policy Council Minutes

March 18, 2015 – 3 p.m.

McCarty D Room 1031B

Attendees

Craig Tapley, Beverly Sanders, Renée Goodrich, Jessica Aaron, Angel Kwolek-Folland, Bernard Mair, Matthew Jacobs

Call to Order

Renée Goodrich, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and the February minutes were approved.

Online course/faculty evaluations

- A recommendation was made to ask Senate Chair (Paul Davenport as of 4/1/15) to talk to President Fuchs about sending out a message to students explaining the importance of student responses to online course evaluations – action item

Role of Faculty governance in UF Online

- Concern continues about Pearson representatives adding themselves to online classes in UFOonline
- There is some confusion about structure of UFOonline – what is PaCE?
- UFOonline programs are approved by Colleges, who should have a major role in oversight of quality – comment
- UFOonline has new Director; summer start
- Action item - start back up on this issue in 2015-2016; invite Directory to discuss governance of UFOonline

Teaching and Global Issues

- Matt Jacobs, Director of Undergraduate Programs and International Studies presented overview of QEP mission and proposed means of achieve objectives related to the internationalization of the Gator Nation
- Very briefly, activities representative of planned efforts (but not limited to these) include: study abroad (only about 3% students do so), curriculum enhancement on campus, international scholars programs, enhancing everyday campus life with multicultural affairs and international student involvement, resourcing of efforts and others
- Action item - continue discussion next season with APC focus on curriculum enhancement, including academic focus in all disciplines; interesting questions such as are all language and culture class discussion international by definition?

New Faculty Title – Professor of Practice

- Discussion of latest draft proposal by Associate Provost
- Action items – email supporting this to Faculty Senate Chair

Explore T/TH class schedule options

- Did not discuss extensively due to time constraints
- Previous suggestions:
 - Should we have a faculty and student survey about this issue?
 - Should we change T/TH blocks to 1.5 hours instead of two?
 - Office of the registrar update?

The council adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m.