

Academic Policy Council Minutes

December 9, 2014

McCarty D Room 1031B

3:00 p.m.

Attendees

Craig Tapley, Angel Kwolek-Folland, Renée Goodrich, Hans van Oostrom, Sue Alvers, Paul Mueller, Paul Duncan, Beverly Roberts, Henry Frierson, Nicole Stedman and Bernard Mair.

Call to Order

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

Old Business

- Online course/faculty evaluations – Pending for January
 - At the last meeting, APC asked that they receive data that is broken down more than what is shown on the website. APC is also working with Welfare Council about online course evaluations.
 - Suggestions to encourage students to complete online course evaluations:
 - Reduce the number of notices that are sent to students about completing online course evaluations.
 - President should send out a communication to students to explain the importance of completing evaluations.
 - Instructors should reserve about 15 minutes for students to complete during class.
 - Should separate course evaluations. Currently students have to evaluate all the courses that they take on the same evaluation.
 - Have an incentive program.
 - What questions are absolutely necessary and required by the state?
- Role of Faculty governance in UF Online –
 - Craig Tapley is on the UF Online Advisory Committee. There has been one meeting.
- Streamline approval for Graduate Faculty Status – Paul Duncan
 - Graduate School will modify the Graduate Faculty Status policy due to a misalignment with the collective bargaining agreement. The school will also work with Human Resources about modifying the letter of appointment for tenure and tenure accruing faculty. Academic Units will have to review their policies also.
- 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 a future meeting.

Spring 2015 semester meeting date/location discussion

- Craig Tapley mentioned that the academic calendar starts on Tuesday for the spring and noted that it causes difficulty with classwork and assignments.
 - Renée has some conflicts on Tuesdays in the Spring and suggested that the APC move the meeting to Wednesday afternoons. Sue will send out a doodle poll to find whether Tuesday or Wednesday is better for members.

The council adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.