

## **Academic Policy Council Minutes**

September 9, 2014

Building 120, 520 Newell Drive Room 109

3:00 p.m.

### **Attendees**

Craig Tapley, Creed Greer, Bernard Mair, Jessica Aaron, Renn Goodrich, Sue Alvers, Beverly Sanders and Pradeep Kumar.

### **Call to Order**

Renée Goodrich, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. After introductions, the April minutes were approved with revisions.

### **Charge for the upcoming year – Pradeep Kumar, Chair, Faculty Senate**

Dr. Kumar thanked the members for agreeing to sit on the council and explained a bit about himself and how to contact him if members have questions or issues.

### **New Business**

Craig Tapley started a long discussion about a recent memo notifying faculty about Pearson Embanet personnel having access to UF Online courses. Faculty who teach the course should have ownership of their course. There is concern that the online courses are not as good as the classroom experience. The perception of many is that UF Online is a separate university and not part of UF. It was noted that many high schools have private companies teaching their online courses. Bernard Mair mentioned that the university is trying to make the online courses as analogous as possible to the classroom course. An issue that needs work for online students is student interaction. One idea is to have regional centers so that students can interact.

Beverly Sanders suggested that the council review the policy of the department voting to approve new faculty member (even preeminence faculty) to supervisor graduate students. She also pointed out that the approval process for new courses is drawn out and inefficient. A suggestion was made to have syllabus software available for faculty to use to make sure these documents are as standardized as possible.

### **Faculty Review of Administrators**

There still seems to be some inconsistencies what colleges have written down and what they do with review of administrators by faculty. A suggested is to have a best practices document available for college to use.

### **Online Course/faculty evaluations**

Frustration continues on how to get students to fill out the online course evaluation form. University of Chicago gives grades to their students earlier as an incentive to evaluate their courses. It was noted that federal regulations requires grade within 10 days. As the university is in the process of modernizing its CMS system, this is a good time to recommend looking into this issue.

Due to the inclement weather, the council adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.