

Academic Policy Council Minutes

February 17, 2016

101A Bryan Hall (Dean's Conference Room)

3:30 p.m.

Attendees

Beverly Sanders, Craig Tapley, Sue Alvers, Nicole Stedman, Alison Reynolds, and Hans van Oostrom

Call to Order

Beverly Sanders, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and the January minutes were approved.

Kratzer Proclamation – Nicole Stedman

- In the writing process

Interpretation of Disabilities Act at UF - tabled

Shared Governance of UF Online

- Andy McCollough, Associate Provost for Teaching and Technology, created an advisory group when UF Online was first implemented. Now that UF Online has a Director, Evie Cummings has continued the advisory group.
- Should the Senate have an annual report on UF Online which includes a financial breakdown?
- Are there more groups advising UF Online?
- Hans van Oostrom pointed out that there is not a cohesive group on distance learning. UF Online is separate from other online courses.
- There doesn't seem to be a formal process to evaluate teaching and instruction for online courses - no checks and balances that courses are good.

After attending the Committee on Committees, Beverly suggested that the council add the chair of the Graduate Curriculum Committee. The committee agreed that this was a good idea.

UF Goals

- At the UF Goals Symposium, there was great discussion and then attendees broke into work groups. Hans van Oostrom questioned if the university will take any of the recommendations from the symposium.

The council reviewed a draft letter for President Fuchs that the APC recommends that he send to students this semester when teaching evaluations open.

Other

- Alison Reynolds was concerned that currently students who haven't been to class or are in a holding pattern due to student conduct issues can still evaluate the instructor. Also, can a UF Online student evaluate an instructor even though the student has not attended a class, is an "E" student and hasn't dropped the class until grades are due?

The council adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.