

Academic Policy Council Minutes

October 14, 2015

101A Bryan Hall (Dean's Conference Room)

2 p.m.

Attendees

Craig Tapley, Clay Hurdle, Angela Lindner, Steve Pritz, Susan Semple-Rowland, Lauren Solberg, Susan Schaffer, Hans van Oostrom, Beverly Sanders, Sue Alvers and Angel Kwolek-Folland.

Call to Order

Beverly Sanders, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. After introduction, the September minutes were approved with the addition of attendees not listed.

Academic Calendar and Holidays – Steve Pritz, Registrar

- Questions were raised at that last APC about the academic calendar. Holidays seems to be interfering with class instructions. Monday holidays are causing the most problem.
- Steve Pritz distributed a handout and explained how the academic calendar is created.
 - Draft calendars are developed and revised and approved through each process: OUR, UCC and Faculty Senate.
 - Calendars must use state rules and university guidelines and taking in consideration state and federal holidays. The university has no flexibility with holidays.
 - Calendars are approved five years in advance.

T/TH Class Meetings – Steve Pritz, Registrar

- Questions arose last year about T/TH class meeting times. Tuesday classes are 1 hour and Thursdays are 2 hours or vice versa. The council is discussing the option of changing both Tuesday and Thursday class times to 1.5 hours each.
- Steve Pritz stated that the T/TH class schedules were in place before he started at UF. He has noticed, though, that to change class time on T/TH might cause a problem with room inventory.
- Steve will survey the AAU registrars to find out how each university uses the T/TH schedule and report back to the council.

Course Approval Process Update

- Beverly tried out the revised online approval process. She noted that the information is the same except a syllabus is not required. Angela Lindner mentioned that the process is still in the revision stages and to give it a semester for the revisions to be completed.

UF Online Update

- Evie Cummings, Director of UF Online, will speak at the December Faculty Senate meeting.

New Business

- Angel Kwolek-Folland announced that the online promotion and tenure system will soon separate the graduate and undergraduate teaching evaluation means in a college/department. Currently the mean includes both graduate and undergraduate.
- Hans van Oostrom was concerned that post docs are not included as employees any longer. This affects their health insurance. Post docs have been dropped from GatorCare and now have now been assigned to the lowest health care. Angel explained that the university is working on the issue and will have it resolved by next year. She pointed out that this has to do with the IRS and the unintended consequences of the Affordable Care Act.

The council adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m.