

Academic Policy Council Minutes

September 16, 2015

101A Bryan Hall (Dean's Conference Room)

2 p.m.

Attendees

Sue Semple-Rowland, Craig Tapley, Alison Reynolds, Beverly Sanders, Paul Davenport, Paul Duncan, Angela Lindner, Evangeline Cummings, Sue Alvers, Nicole Stedman, Susan Schaeffer, Lauren Solberg and David Miller

Call to Order

Beverly Sanders, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. After introduction, the April minutes were approved.

Paul Davenport, Chair of the Senate, thanked the members for putting the time into shared governance. He gave a short explanation about the [responsibilities of the council](#).

Old Business

Role of Faculty governance in UF Online – Evangeline Cummings, Director UFOnline

- Evangeline Cummings explained that she has been in the Director position for about three months. She wants to receive faculty input about UFOnline. Several members expressed their concern about several issues.
 - People are continually added to a class even though the Professor deletes them off of the roster. Who has access to professor's class?
 - Do the students belong to the professor or UFOnline?
 - Is the online student getting the same quality education as the on campus student?
- Evangeline noted that UFOnline lacks a strategic plan that explains the long term vision of the program. A strategic plan should be a priority. She noted that it will get more complicated going forward as there are four different types of online students.
- Plans are for Evangeline to use the Academic Policy Council as one of her resources for feedback about UFOnline.

Online course/faculty evaluations (scope of APC effort)

- Increasing online course evaluations has been an issue this council has worked on the many years. Beverly asked if the council wished to continue discussion on this subject.
- After some discussion, the council decided to drop this issue off future agendas.
- Alison Reynolds suggested that the university should create an app for students to complete course evaluations.

T/TH Class Meetings.

- The council decided that it should continue discussing this issue. Currently, classes on Tuesday are 1 hour and on Thursdays they are 2 hours. It has been suggested that Tuesdays and Thursdays should be 1.5 hours each.
- Paul Davenport pointed out that there are issues with Monday and Friday classes due to vacation and holidays. Classes miss out on hours of classroom instruction.
- Some schools have classes on Monday and Wednesday and use Fridays for labs.

New Business

- Beverly mentioned that the current course approval system is cumbersome and should be streamlined.
- Angela Lindner stated that a new online approval form was created and asked the council to review. She mentioned that there will also be other changes to try and make the course approval more efficient.

The council adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.