

Academic Policy Council Minutes

November 16, 2016

HPNP building Room 4233 (Dean's Conference Room)

3:30 p.m.

Attendees

Angel Kwolet-Folland, Beverly Sanders, Susan Schaffer, Lauren Solberg, Karen Whalen, Hans van Oostrom.

Absent: Paul Duncan, Angela Lindner, Paul Mueller, Horace tucker, Cindy Prins, Brendon Jonassaint (student representative)

Recording: Susan Schaffer

Call to Order

Susan Schaffer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and the October minutes were approved.

The next APC committee meeting was rescheduled to December 14 at 3:30 pm.

New Business:

- a. Discussion on student learning objectives for the 5 areas of experiential learning that make up the third UF Quest experience was deferred to the January meeting when Chris Hass (chair of the Experiential Learning Task force) will be able to attend.

Old Business

- a. 12 Day Rule and review of proposed changes to policy—deferred
- b. Exam policy-deferred
- c. Role of the APC Council on discussion about changes to Faculty Evaluation Questions-Kwolet-Folland:

We are no longer required to use the same questions that have historically been used throughout the Florida state universities. Other universities have already changed their questions so the precedent has been set. Angela Lindner has been collecting questions from other Florida universities to see what they have done. There are different teaching environments that are not addressed by current questions. (such as large classes, on-line classes, required versus elective classes). One potential strategy is to utilize 3 basic questions for course and faculty effectiveness and add optional questions that can be used for large classes, on-line classes etc. The critical issue is that student evaluations are the primary data for teaching effectiveness in terms of promotion and tenure. Any changes must be deliberative and based on data. Department chairs do have access to student comments as well as numerical data, but the use of these varies across colleges. **ACTION: It was decided that APC should have input into revision of questions along with Faculty Welfare Council. APC members should review UF's 10 questions and come to the next meeting prepared to discuss. Angela Lindner will be asked to provide any collated data she has about other state universities. Angela Lindner will be asked if she has staff available to survey our peer institutions for what they are currently using.**

The council adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.