

Academic Policy Council Minutes

September 20, 2017

HPNP Room 4233 (Nursing Dean's Conference Room)

3:30 p.m.

Attendees

Jack Mecholsky, Hans van Oostrom, Chris Hass, Susan Schaffer, Sue Alvers, Angela Lindner, Lauren Solberg and Patricia Sohn (via phone)

Call to Order

Susan Schaffer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Introductions were made and the April minutes were approved. Due to Dr. Schaffer's teaching schedule, the committee will meet at 11 a.m. on 10/25, 11/15 and 12/13.

Coding Resolution

- David Quillen, Faculty Senate Chair, asked the APC to recommend or write a resolution about computer coding in lieu of high school foreign language for university admission requirement. This item will most likely be introduced into the state legislature. USF Faculty Senate forwarded their resolution as an example.
 - Several members thought that computer coding and foreign language are two different things. Universities should continue with foreign language as an admission requirement
 - The council decided to ask Gillian Lord, Spanish and Portuguese Studies, to write a draft resolution against the legislation to substitute computer coding for a foreign language for university admission.

Student Civility

- The council discussed student incivility in the classroom and decided to continue working on this during 2017-2018.
 - Suggestion was made to provide faculty with a flyer that helps decide what action to take when students continue to be an issue in the classroom.
 - Council plans to invite David Parrott, VP, Student Affairs or Pam Malyk, Assistant Dean and Director of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution.

Faculty Evaluation

- Tabled until Angel Kwolek-Folland is in attendance
- Angela Lindner explained that Jennifer Smith and John Jordi worked on this during the summer. She suggested inviting Jennifer and/or John to a meeting.

Extension of Grading Period

- Angela Lindner reported that Steve Pritz, Registrar, has reviewed several options with will come to the council for review. One is to have finals on Saturday or Sunday.

UCC Report – Hans van Oostrom, Chair

- Proposal to terminate the BS Degree in Athletic Training effective Summer B 2019
 - The Strategic Alliance for the Athletic Training (AT) Profession, led by the accreditation arm has approved and initiated a professional transition of AT preparatory programs. Effective Fall 2022, AT programs must either transition to a professional degree offered at the graduate (Master's degree) level or no longer enroll AT students.
- Name Change for the Department of Health Outcomes.
 - The Department of Health Outcomes and Policy is requesting a name change to the Department of Health Outcomes and Biomedical Informatics. The Department of Health

Outcomes and Policy still retains its critical focus on the conduct of clinical trials and observational research focused on improving health outcomes for patients and populations. In addition, the Department has strong certificate, master's and PhD Programs in Health Outcomes Research. While faculty often make recommendations based on their research that have the potential to influence health policy, the faculty do not conduct health policy research per se. Therefore, the Department name was never an ideal fit with themes and approaches used in the Department to fulfill the mission areas of research, education and service.

Future Initiatives

Angela Lindner asked the council to add the following agenda items for this year.

- Consideration of proposed calendar change options to 1) provide more time for students to find a new major after the fall term and 2) extend the deadline for grade submission.
- Provide feedback on proposed changes in course evaluation.
- Provide feedback on UF Quest
- Assembly exams: consider current policy that gives preference to assembly exams over laboratories
- Provide recommendations on how to provide safeguards for undergraduate students taking courses that expose them to animal tissue, excreta, etc.
- Syllabus policy: recommend means to encourage faculty to update syllabi posted publicly in compliance with the UF Syllabus policy
- Finalize discussion concerning 12 day rule and provide recommendations to adjust the proposed wording changes.

The council adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m.