

Academic Policy Council Minutes

October 26, 2018

Notes taken by Patricia Sohn, Chair

Present: Dorina Avram, Chris Hass, Hans van Oostrom, Billy Huff, Patricia Sohn, Angela Lindner, Paul Gader, Laurie Bialosky and Karen Whalen.

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:32 a.m.
2. The Minutes from the September 28, 2018 meeting were approved.
3. The APC's September 2018 discussion of DRC involvement in classroom design questions was discussed briefly, as it had been mentioned at the Senate Steering Committee on behalf of the APC.
4. Associate Provost Angela Lindner gave a presentation to the APC regarding changing rules for Repeating Courses for a changed grade and shared the [Repeat Course Petition](#). The policy has changed. Students are no longer allowed to re-take a course if they have a C or better (e.g., a passing grade or better; in most cases, that is a C or better). This change was initially discussed by a sub-set of UCC members. It will be presented to the UCC meeting in November. There is a petition form for those majors in which a grade higher than a C is required for the major. The policy cannot be allowed to vary by the philosophy of each College. Acceptable reasons to re-take a course were discussed. The discussion included: documented medical reasons, family crisis, and critical tracking. A concern with getting students into a major that is appropriate for their interests was raised. Currently, the policy is a two-attempt policy.
5. Director of LBGTQ Affairs, Billy Huff, gave a presentation to the APC regarding LBGTQ students and concerns regarding "chosen" name. A student may not have changed the preferred name legally. However, the name that the student chooses to be called may be significant for reasons of identity. Some students may feel intimidated to change the name formally; or they may be afraid to tell people about it publically, as that would "out" their identity status. The name on a student's exam roster may be the formal name, and that may be quite different from the chosen name by which friends know that person. Exam rosters, thus, raise concerns for some LBGTQ students who do not want their identity status known. It may cause trauma for these students. The APC discussed the possibility of adding a column to the student roster at the Registrar's level, and using that name for most publicly presented materials (such as exam rosters), calling students by name in class, and the like. The concern that faculty not immediately get in trouble if they err in calling someone's name or pronoun in the classroom was also raised. Some APC members opined that giving the chosen name a place in the student roster might also take care of issues relating to pronouns for most people. Otherwise, the issue of pronouns was not discussed. The [draft Multicultural & Diversity Affairs letter presented by Billy Huff](#) was discussed as less optimal

than adding a column to the student roster; it was not, however, recommended against strongly as an interim solution.

6. The APC voted on and unanimously passed a recommendation that UF add a chosen or preferred name to the student roster, this with the idea to see what other Senate Councils think about the question. The recommendation was forwarded to the Faculty Senate Chair and the Senate Steering Committee. The recommendation is being considered by appropriate UF Vice Presidents and others for practical, technical, legal, and other implications if such a change were to be made.

7. The meeting adjourned at 11:32 am.