

Academic Policy Council  
Annual Report 2020-2021

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Student: Emma Towler.

This annual report summarizes major discussions and issues addressed by the Academic Policy Council for 2020-2021. Details are available in the APC minutes.

COVID-19. APC gave input and approved numerous policies and guidelines, including calendar changes, related to COVID-19 protocols as they pertained to teaching. This necessitated some meetings during Summer 2020.

FACULTY TITLES. APC initiated a review of faculty titles to discuss especially appropriate titles for non-tenure-track faculty. There is a myriad of faculty titles at UF, and work needs to continue to organize them better. The Compensation Committee has organized a university-wide survey and is drafting a resolution to be brought to the Faculty Senate.

EVALUATION OF TEACHING. APC has discussed best practices for the evaluation of teaching. Course evaluations by students were redone several years ago with ample faculty input. APC has focused on peer evaluation of teaching. A whitepaper with a recommended process was created with input from the Welfare Council and other groups and presented at the Faculty Senate.

QUEST AND DIVERSITY. APC had a discussion with Dr. Andrew Wolpert about how the QUEST series of courses are addressing diversity and inclusion.

TESTING ON CAMPUS. APC is having an on-going discussion about increasing the availability of increasing testing space on campus.

CANVAS. APC recommended minimum requirements for CANVAS use for every course during the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters. A discussion is ongoing to make this permanent. A discussion has started to utilize CANVAS to store standard syllabus policies rather than duplicating them in every syllabus.

2021-22 CHAIR. Richard Scholtz has been elected as the APC chair for 2021-22.