

ACADEMIC POLICY COUNCIL (APC)

Minutes

Thursday, November 9, 2023

2:30 p.m.

135 Tigert Hall, Student Affairs Conference Room 142)*, or if needed, via Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 954 6334 4700 Passcode: 440415 Dial in: +1 305 224 1968

Present: Nancy Clark, Angela Lindner, Chris Hass, Vandanna Baweja, Danaya Wright, Robin Stewart, Crystal Marull, Karen Whalen, Dipankur Gupta, Tom Kelleher, and Cynda Crawford.

1. **Call to Order** – Nancy Clark, APC Chair
 - The meeting was called to order by APC Chair Nancy Clark at 2:32p.m.
2. **Approval of October 10, 2023 Minutes**
 - The minutes were approved.
3. **Posthumous Recognition of Faculty Resolution** - Danaya Wright, Faculty Senate Chair
 - *Prior topic-related APC discussion:*
 - https://fora.aa.ufl.edu/docs//72///2021-2022//APC_OCT.Minutes_10-28-2021.pdf
 - <https://fora.aa.ufl.edu/docs//72///2021-2022//APC.DECEMBER.Minutes12.09.21.pdf>
 - Chair Wright presented a Faculty Senate resolution to provide posthumous faculty recognition. While there is a policy for posthumous recognition of students that pass away during their degree program, there is no policy for posthumous recognition of faculty. The objective of the resolution is to recommend that the Provost office create a policy for recognition of deceased faculty. Only the Provost can create such a policy.
 - Discussion about categories of posthumous recognition available. The Provosts said that there is no formal policy for recognizing deceased faculty and no defined consequences to granting promotion and/or tenure to faculty that pass away while their P&T packet is in the review process. Mr. Hass suggested awarding the emeritus professor title to deceased faculty instead of promotion or tenure as many faculty were not seeking promotion or tenure at the time of their death. Emeritus status recognizes meritorious service to UF.
 - Mr. Gupta made a motion to remove the last “Whereas” statement in the senate resolution that describes the potential awards for recognition of deceased faculty. The motion was seconded by Crystal Marull, and passed by all members of the APC in attendance. There were no opposing votes.
 - The revised Posthumous Recognition of Faculty Resolution now states:
 - WHEREAS faculty contributions are essential to the mission of the University of Florida, and
 - WHEREAS the University of Florida has a policy to provide posthumous recognition for students who have passed away while pursuing their degrees, and

WHEREAS the University of Florida has no policy to provide posthumous recognition for faculty who have passed away while in service to the University, now therefore BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of the University of Florida supports the adoption of a policy to provide recognition of faculty contributions for those whose untimely deaths cut short their contributions to the University and its students

4. **GATORONE** - Robin Stewart, Director of Administration and Finance, Business Services
- Director Stewart's slides are available at <https://fora.aa.ufl.edu/docs//72///2023-2024//APC%20Nov%209%20Gator%20One%20slides%20.pdf> posted at: <https://fora.aa.ufl.edu/FacultySenate/Pages/Academic-Policy-Council/AgendaMinutes2023-2024>

- Overview of new cards and the mobile app.
 - The new identification cards for students, staff, and faculty were launched in Feb 2023.
 - The mobile app available through Apple, Samsung Wallet, and Google was launched in April 2023. UF is the first higher education institution in FL to offer mobile ID technology. The overall strategy is for UF to use the mobile app instead of cards.
 - All new students receive the mobile ID while existing students can use either the cards or switch to the mobile app.
 - Use of cards vs. the mobile app by UF employees depends on their job responsibilities and location.
- Open discussion as to how this technology could be used to help with administrative burdens in the classroom such as tracking attendance.
 - UF is beta-testing different scanning devices for swiping GatorONE cards or for tapping the mobile app to track student attendance in classes or attendance at other UF events.
 - Options for tracking class attendance include daily reports emailed to instructors, creating an interface with Canvas, or creating portals for each course.
 - Concerns for governance and security of attendance data. The Provost has oversight and approval rights of all tracking data.
 - The scanning devices for tracking attendance based on the GatorONE ID have to be scalable in cost or hardware availability for a campus-wide roll-out. Dr. Stewart stated that with enough support from faculty, her team can work to offer something more robust and that would integrate with Canvas.

5. Old Business

a. Formation of a Generative AI Committee – Nominations open

- The Committee needs an APC member. APC members Karen Whalen, Tom Kelleher, and Eleni Bozia are already on the Committee representing other groups, and they will also represent the APC.

b. **(SB 266 Updates) Discussion and Reports on Response to General Education-related Language in SB266** – Angela Lindner, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs

- Dr. Lindner shared an update on Status of Compliance with SB 266 in [slides](#)
- The BOG released SB 266 language revisions (Regulation 8.005)

- There are 1000+ general education courses in the UF curriculum that will need an audit process for language that is compliant with SB 266. Once audited, the UF BOT must approve the courses in a public meeting. The approved courses will then be submitted to the Florida Course Numbering System.
- The UF General Education Committee (GEC) has developed and added Public Speaking student learning outcomes into all general education core Communication courses
- The UF GEC has reminded colleges and departments about the requirement to accept general education credit.
- The UF GEC is developing an online self-auditing checklist for faculty to ensure compliance with SB 266 requirements. Next step is a pilot trial next semester.
- See the slide deck for UF's proposed steps and timeline toward compliance.

c. Post-Tenure Faculty Review Update – Chris Hass, Associate Provost for Academic & Faculty Affairs

- President Sasse is still in the negotiating phase with the Faculty Union, and in discussions about financial awards, the faculty selection process, the criteria for review, and the format for submission of the post-tenure review packet.
- President Sasse is looking for an easier solution for the inaugural PTR process in Spring 2024

6. New Business

a. [UF QUEST DAY](#) / November 15, 9:00-4:30 / Smathers 100 / [RSVP](#)

- All are encouraged to RSVP to and to attend UF Quest Day.

b. Other / Open Floor

- Chris Hass, Associate Provost for Academic & Faculty Affairs: building a 3rd party vendor system that will replace the current OPT system for faculty annual review. Projected launch date for the new system is 2025
- *December 8 meeting*: P&T and the new 3rd party vendor system will be discussed

7. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Minutes submitted by APC Member Cynda Crawford 12/6/23.