

ACADEMIC POLICY COUNCIL (APC) Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

9:30

1 Tigert Hall* or if needed, via Zoom:

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Present: Eleni Bozia, Emily Rine Butler, Nancy Clark, Laurie Bialosky, Vandana Baweja, Karen Whalen, Crystal Marull, Dipankur Gupta, Chris Hass, Tom Kelleher, Norman Beatty, Lauren Solberg, and Cynda Crawford.

1. **Call to Order at 9:34 am** – Nancy Clark, APC Chair
2. **Approval of December 8, 2023 Minutes.** Minutes were approved without edits or comments.
3. **Old Business**
 - a. **([SB 266 Updates](#)) Discussion on Public Speaking Requirements and the Public Speaking Lab** – Emily Rine Butler, Director for the Dial Center for Written and Oral Communication
 - Dr. Butler, chair of the Communications Task Force created by the Gen Ed Committee, reminded that 11 of the core communication courses in the Gen Ed curriculum require public speaking, and resources supporting public speaking can be added to the Canvas shell for each of the 11 courses
 - One resource is the Public Speaking Lab (<https://cwoc.ufl.edu/programs/public-speaking-lab-2/>) in the Dial Center for Written and Oral Communication that provides free assistance in developing, organizing, and practicing oral presentations.
 - Dr. Butler proposed a motion to add the following Public Speaking Lab description to both course syllabi and the Canvas Resources tool, including any revisions or amendments currently in review:

“Public Speaking Lab: Located on the fifth floor of Rolfs Hall, the Dial Center Public Speaking Lab offers free assistance to those seeking to develop their public speaking skills. Visit the website for drop-in hours and appointment booking. Trained lab staffers can help polish your oral presentation skills by giving advice on research, helping you manage your outlining and organization, listening and giving feedback on delivery, and helping you manage public speaking nervousness, among other issues. If you have questions about a visit with the lab, please feel free to contact the Lab Director, Dr. Dennis McCarty, at d.mccarty@ufl.edu.”

APC member Baweja approved the motion that was seconded by APC member Gupta. All APC members in attendance voted to approve the motion.

b. ([SB 266 Updates](#)) Discussion and Reports on Response to General Education-related Language in SB266 – Chris Hass, Associate Provost for Academic & Faculty Affairs

- All Gen Ed courses must be certified as compliant with SB266 through an audit process and approved by the Board of Trustees by June 2024
- The Gen Ed Committee, the Gen Ed Audit Task Force, and Chris Hass are creating an official audit review process in Feb following the upcoming BOG meeting

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

- The required information for PTR packets is being finalized with emphasis on minimizing the time for faculty input. Currently, faculty only need to submit an updated CV and the one-page narratives for each section. Institutional data (annual reviews, courses, teaching evaluations, grants, etc.) will be pulled from OPT.
- President Sasse is still in negotiations with the UF Faculty Union
- Determination of assessment criteria is still in process
- President Sasse is working on financial awards for faculty that meet or exceed the criteria

d. Faculty Insights, Excellence and Advancement System [replacing OPT and faculty evaluations] – Chris Hass, Associate Provost for Academic & Faculty Affairs

- APC Chair Dr. Nancy Clark is a member of the Steering Committee for implementing the new system
- Target date for launching the new system is July 2025

e. [December 14, 2023 Senate Meeting](#) {video: 1:09:30 – 2:03:26} Follow-up

i. [SB 846](#)

ii. [HB 7017](#) (2021):

- https://fora.aa.ufl.edu/docs/78/2021-2022/Update_Fac%20Senate_10.21.2021.pdf &
 - <https://fora.aa.ufl.edu/docs/74///2021-2022//SEPT2021MinutesResearchandScholarshipCouncil.pdf>
- These regulations apply to hiring graduate student assistants, research assistants, and postdocs from one of the 7 countries of concern as UF employees, not student enrollment.
 - Administrators and faculty are voicing concerns over criteria for approval of hiring such student employees and the time required for the approval

process, and how these regulations are harming research grant performance and UF's reputation

- f. *Due January 31*: Please remind colleagues to complete a [nomination / self-nomination form](#) for university-wide committees.

More details are [here](#) + join the ***University Committees and Councils Virtual Open House*** on **Wednesday, January 24, 2024** - 1:00 – 2:00.

Details are posted on the [master calendar](#):

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4. New Business / Open Floor

- APC Member Baweja pointed out that the International Center only focuses on recruiting and funding of international undergraduate students. She asked if the Center can also include recruiting and funding for international graduate students. She was provided persons to contact about this possibility.

5. Adjournment at 10:09 am

Minutes submitted by APC Member Cynda Crawford 1/22/24.