

ACADEMIC POLICY COUNCIL (APC) Minutes

Friday, September 15, 2023

1:00 p.m.

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

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Present: Nancy Clark, Jenna D. Gonzalez, Chris Hass, Angela Lindner, Laurie Bialosky, Vandana Baweja, Norman Beatty, Eleni Bozia, Dipankar Gupta, Chris Hass, Tom Kelleher, Crystal Marull, Karen Whalen, and Cynda Crawford.

- 1. Call to Order & Introductions** – Nancy Clark, APC Chair
 - APC Chair Nancy Clark called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. and introductions were made.
- 2. Approval of April 25, 2023 Meeting and May 3, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes**
 - Both minutes were approved.
- 3. Overview of [APC Mission](#)**

Academic Policy Council Responsibilities:
This council's area encompasses educational policy, including the creation, modification, or deletion of academic programs and units; curriculum; academic standing; relationship of academic units to each other; general policies concerning student instruction; and policies defining academic requirements for administrative positions of academic significance.

 - The mission of the APC was reviewed.
- 4. Live Captioning Accommodation** - Jenna D. Gonzalez, Disability Resource Center Director
Director Gonzalez presented the DRC programs for supporting students with disabilities. The slides ([Disability Resource Ctr. Accommodations Slides](#)) are posted on our [council page](#). Here are some highlights from the discussion:
 - The DRC promotes accessibility for students with disabilities through providing housing accommodations, accessibility consulting, and education and awareness.
 - More than 6700 students are registered in the DRC

- High level accommodations provided for students include out of class project extensions, access to powerpoints, flexible exam schedules, and health-related absences
- Real-time live-captioning of lectures for deaf/hard of hearing persons is provided by a team of captioners who accesses the audio portion through a special recurrent zoom link created by the faculty.
 - There are currently 23 deaf students at UF.
 - DRC recently hired a new captioning service
- DRC does not provide transcripts of lectures
- DRC testing center proctors 150-200 exams daily for students with disabilities
- DRC is planning a new stand-alone facility to open in the next 2 years
- There are currently 3 support groups on campus for students with disabilities

5. Suggestions for October/AY Topics

Updated Syllabi Language / ([Syllabus Link in Canvas Nav](#)) – Chris Hass, Associate Provost for Academic & Faculty Affairs

- Associate Provost Hass reviewed status of effort to update syllabi language. Query requesting how best to connect with the 'Contact My Instructor' portal maintained by the Dean of Students Office. Discussion focused on concerns of bottleneck and overuse, but will be shelved to fall semester, and perhaps confer with UF Ombuds.

6. Old Business

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

- College deans will be responsible for creating language and examples for the 4 PTR criteria
- Faculty tenured in 2019 will be reviewed this year along with 20% of randomly selected faculty tenured in previous years. After this year, 20% of tenured faculty will be randomly selected for PTR each year.
- There will be about 500 faculty PTR this year but will stabilize at around 300 faculty per year thereafter
- 4 months behind schedule in starting the PTR process
- UF investigating possibility of bonuses for tenured faculty that exceed or meet the PTR criteria
- The OPT system for P&T will be dissolved this year and replaced by a new system for PTR that contains uniform criteria applied across the lifetime of the faculty. This should decrease the amount of time and effort for faculty completion of their PTR packet

b. Programs of Strategic Emphasis Background and Updates – Chris Hass,
Associate Provost for Academic & Faculty Affairs

- The purpose for designating programs of strategic emphasis at each university is to incentivize creation of programs that meet the workforce needs of the state. Selected programs receive performance-based funding from the state.
- Due to the very large number of programs on the list, the BOG recently modified the criteria/metrics for designating programs of strategic emphasis to reduce the programs to a reasonable number
- Some relevant reference documents regarding PSE change efforts in the BOG:
 - https://www.flbog.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/SPC_04_PSE_2023_Update_CE.pdf
 - <https://www.flbog.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Draft-Methodology-for-Updating-Programs-of-Strategic-Emphasis.pdf>
 - <https://www.flbog.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Programs-of-Strategic-Emphasis-Update-2023-%E2%80%93-Work-Plan.pdf>

7. New Business

a. Other Business / Open Floor

- None brought to the floor

8. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Minutes submitted by APC member Cynda Crawford 9/15/23