

**Academic Policy Council**  
**Minutes**  
**April 11, 2007**  
**471 Grinter Hall**  
**9-11 AM**

**Attendees**

Anita Spring  
Saeed Khan  
Carol Murphy  
David Bloomquist

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM

The minutes of February 14, 2007 were approved.

**I. Chair's report**

Dr. Spring announced that Dr. Wubah was hired as the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education and that the minus grades proposal was approved by the President.

**II. Strategic Work Plan (SWP) submitted to the Board of Trustees (BOT)**

The SWP was submitted to the BOT. Dr. Machen through VP and General Counsel Jamie Keith expanded the section on diversity, and the APC worked to make the changes consistent with the rest of the document. The changes were not substantial enough to merit additional approval by the Senate.

In discussion between Pres. Machen and the APC, the SWP will not be re-written annually, but it will be reviewed annually in terms of the 51, 17, and 6 goals. The APC will add addenda to the SWP, as necessary to assess and clarify the goals and priorities or add new ones. The APC will also review the Provost's draft of the Academic Program Reviews request in order to link the APRs with the SWP.

The APC will be able to invite other faculty member, including Barry Ache, Jaquie Resnick and Kirk Ludwig, to assist with the development of an assessment, as well as for the creation of addenda for the SWP.

**III. Commercial Notes Services**

Dr. Spring distributed a draft policy on Commercial Notes Services. The council will research whether or not there is existing conflict of interest language in the university regulations. The council is waiting for a response from Ryan at Smokin' Notes before bringing the issue back to the Steering Committee to decide how the issue should be handled. Dr. Spring requested that the council review the draft policy and send her comments.

**IV. Election of a new chair**

Carol Murphy was elected 2007-2008 chair of the APC.

## **V. Other Business**

**Faculty making money from sales to students-** The council would like to know if a regulation on this matter currently exists. The council will discuss whether it is appropriate for faculty to make money from the sales of books and course packets to students.

**Gen Ed Proposal-** Dr. Spring reported that Dr. McCollough brought the Gordon Rule proposal forward at the April Steering Committee meeting. She noted that the APC's previous recommendations were not taken into consideration. John Leavey mentioned to the Steering committee that CLAS was not happy with the proposal. Dr. Spring will request for feedback from CLAS via Yumiko Hulvey. The recommendations will be pulled from the old minutes and a letter will be sent to the General Education council asking for the recommended changes to be considered.

**Wikipedia and Honor code-** The APC discussed whether the honor code should contain language stating that Wikipedia should not be the only reference in formal papers. The council felt that use of references should be a faculty decision and not a university wide decision.

**Requests to conduct research on faculty-** This issue will be considered by the Welfare council.

**University Calendars-** Dr. Dickinson discussed the 2011-2012 calendars. In discussions about the calendar in the University Curriculum Committee, members noticed that spring break would be held in the ninth week of classes in the year 2011-2012. It was noted that several colleges have modular classes which function best when spring break falls at about the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> week of the semester. The committee would like input from the council as to whether spring break should be moved back to the beginning of March. The APC likes the idea of having spring break in the middle of the semester. The council will get additional information from Steve Pritz. The council wants to ensure that spring break does not fall in February.

## **VI. Liaison report**

Steve Willis: University Curriculum Committee

There was not a report on the UCC from Steve Willis.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.