

Council on Academic Policy, Curriculum and Structure

Minutes

September 30, 2005

10:30 P.M. – 11:30 P.M.

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Attendees:

Donna Duckworth
Luise White
Jack Mecholsky
Anita Spring
Janie Fouke

Absent:

Joan Frosch
Cal Dolce

Affiliated Committees Attendees:

Barry Ache, Chair, Honorary Degrees Committee

Affiliated Committees Absent:

University Curriculum Committee
General Education Council
Graduate Council
Student Petitions Committee

Jack Mecholsky called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

Minutes of the September 9, 2005 meeting were approved.

Chair's Report

Dr. Mecholsky suggested the council should examine existing academic policies to see if the council agrees with them or if changes should be made.

Service Learning- The service learning committee will report to the Council at the end of October. Dr. Mecholsky will inform the committee that the council is interested in knowing how credit is awarded and counted for service learning courses.

Deans Evaluation Forms- The goal is to make the process of faculty evaluating college deans uniform across campus. Currently the Provost evaluates deans yearly but the Provost does not receive copies of faculty evaluations.

Dr. Fouke suggested that neutral committees serve in a consulting role to help the dean perform better by summarizing constructive comments from the evaluations.

Discussion Items

Calendar Schedule Change- Dr. Fouke reported on the calendar schedule change. The main changes will go into effect in the 2007 term. All graduate students will then

graduate on a Thursday night. This will allow for more flexibility in times and locations for undergraduate graduations. It will also allow more time to highlight honorary degrees at the graduate graduations.

Graduate Student Forms- Dr. Mecholsky distributed examples of the current graduate student evaluations forms and highlighted his suggested changes. The council is trying to have faculty involvement in the creation of academic forms currently created by administrators.

Academic Learning Compacts- The ALC is in progress at the University. The ALC has been distributed to all deans and departments. They need to be returned before the end of October.

Committee Reports-

Honorary Degrees Committee- Barry Ache reported to the council on behalf of the Honorary Degrees Committee. The committee is meeting with the general counsel's office to determine how the committee meetings can remain private. Currently, there is a very open system that does not restrict who can make a nomination. There is also a lack of criteria for who can be nominated. The policies are being revisited to include more structure in the nomination process. If the committee operates under the Sunshine laws there may be issues involving nominees who were not recipients of awards. The committee is also responsible for alumni awards, naming of buildings and memorials.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.