

**Academic Policy Council
Minutes
Agenda, Sept. 19
471 Grinter 9:00--11:00AM**

Attendees:

Donna Duckworth
Jack Mecholsky
Carol Murphy
Anita Spring (chair)
Steve Willis
Luise White
Janie Fouke
Laurence Alexander
Steve Pritz

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

I. Chair's report: Agenda Setting

A. August 24 review of the Academic Policy Council

B. APC agenda for the fall term

Dr. Spring reviewed the Senate Workday, discussed the proposed council agenda for the 2006-07 academic year, and reviewed items that are already on the table, as well as possible action items.

Action Items on the table:

Minus Grades: Recommendations for adoption
Service learning: Bringing a resolution before the Senate
Bologna Process: begin conversation with International Center and Graduate School
Notes Services: copyright issues and quality of learning
Honor code: inclusion of new technology items

Possible action items:

Strategic Work Plan: develop procedures for continued faculty input
Should the APC be a long-range planning committee?
University Curriculum Committee: need one APC member to serve on task force to review the UCC.

Looking forward:

Meet with contributing and related committees:

Contributing committee chairs are members of the policy councils to which they report, however, the representative must be an elected faculty member. The UCC and the General Education council are in the process of electing a faculty representative to the APC.

Invite guest speakers on important issues

Deans'/Administrators' evaluations:

The faculty would like input into this process. The council will talk to the Provost about having input. What would a faculty generated process for evaluation of upper level administration look like?

Calendar and Schedule of topics

October 18: Bologna Process, service learning, minus grades

Nov. 21: Notes services, Honor code

Dec. 6: start meetings with contributing and related committees

II. Minus Grades

A. Tabulate report

B. Prepare resolution for the Senate: October--information; November--action

C. Registrar input

Dr. Spring distributed tabulations on the minus grades report and the council discussed the minus grades issue. Jack Mecholsky moved to recommend adoption of a minus grades system to the Faculty Senate. The motion was approved.

Steve Pritz stated that the Registrar's office will work to implement any university policy regarding minus grades. The council will consider the following issues: when the minus grading system will start, what value does a minus grade have, uniformity across campus, the role of the University Curriculum Committee in this process, length of time from conception to implementation, and cost of implementation.

Dr. Fouke stressed the importance of the council's consideration of the following issues: what start date for students the policy would apply to, when it would be applied and how. Mr. Pritz noted that implementing minus grades in the fall, making it University wide and not affecting prior grades for students will make for the smoothest and fastest implementation.

The council will develop a rationale for implementing minus grades. Mr. Pritz will ask peer institutions if they have minus grades, why they have them, what their grading scale is, when they implemented minus grades and how. The council will revisit the issue in October.

Dr. Spring will update the steering committee on the minus grades progress.

III. Five Year Report and CLAS situation

The APC discussed the draft resolution that the Steering committee will present to the Senate as an information item regarding the CLAS 5 year plan. Dr. Spring noted that the issue could come back to the APC to organize fact finding about the 5-year plan. The APC will look at how the issue affects the entire University. The council then discussed the issue with the Provost.

IV. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 AM