

Academic Policy Council  
Minutes  
February 10, 2010  
3-5 PM  
354 Holland Hall

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 PM

The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

The council discussed the proposal to consolidate the Departments of Operative Dentistry and Prosthodontics (and include our TEAM leaders) into a new Department of Restorative Dental Sciences, College of Dentistry with Dr. McArthur from the College of Dentistry.

The council asked about the faculty vote for the change and why half the faculty voted against the change. The council discussed how the new department would operate including tenure and promotion and selection of a department chair.

The council discussed interdisciplinary education and Ken Gerhardt explained some issues with interdisciplinary education. Among them are that academic credits accrue to different units for combined degree students, tuition waivers, team teaching, cross-listing of courses, co-mentors for PhD students, and lack of a category on effort reports to report IDS work. The council discussed creating a position paper on why IDS is important, including the value of IDS research. Ken Gerhardt and Saeed Khan will look at what other schools are doing and create a draft of the paper.

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 PM