

Academic Policy Council  
November 19, 2008  
Reitz Union Rm. 285  
Minutes

Attendees:

John Leavey  
Saeed khan  
Danaya Wright  
Angel Kwolek-Folland  
Ken Gerhardt  
Tracy Rambo  
Kim Tanzer  
Rae Jesano

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM

The minutes of the October meeting were approved.

Discussion of Chair's presentation to Faculty Senate on Textbook Affordability Report- The council would like to add a request to include an e-mail confirmation when all information has been successfully submitted. Danaya Wright will report to the Senate at the November meeting.

Finalize Questionnaire on faculty input regarding budget cuts

The council recommended removing number 7. The council would like to send the questionnaire to the faculty councils within units to get feedback on how the shared governance process worked in last year's budget process. The questionnaire will reintroduce clarity of roles in the introduction and mention the budget resolution. The questions will relate to the budget process in terms of shared governance and not fairness for questions 1 and 2. Questions 3 and 4 will be worded so they are more neutral. Keep point 6. Wright will redraft the questionnaire and send to the council for final comments, send to the other policy councils, and present to the Senate Steering committee as an information item. Colleges will be given a two month deadline to complete.

APC recommendations on constitution and bylaw changes re: department, college, center mergers, consolidations, closings.

The council discussed its recommendations and would like to clarify what information the Senate wants in terms of considering changes. The council discussed what level of specificity should be included in the bylaws. The council agreed that they would like a faculty vote; some statement on budget; a statement on faculty, staff, and student impact; consultation with dean, and approval by the UCC. Proposals must demonstrate that thought has been given to university academic impact and include a statement from appropriate deans, VP's, and the Provost.

Wright will draft proposal and send to council.

Commercial Notes policies

The council discussed commercial notes policies and the relationship between commercial note takers and intellectual property. The council also discussed the appropriateness of services that hand out fliers outside of classes and make announcements in classes. The council discussed the conduct code violations of recording classes without prior permission. The council agreed that putting a professor's name on notes is an issue because it appears that professor is backing notes, which lends credibility to the notes. It is especially a problem if the notes are unauthorized.

Library Department Reorganization- Dean Russell, Dean of the University Libraries and Rae Jesano, advisory committee chair discussed the library department reorganization.

They clarified that Smather's Library does not include health and law libraries.

The library previously had a number of tenure homes with one person. Now there is a minimum of six people that can vote on a tenure packet within each home. The proposal was vetted by assembly members. The library has gone from 17 to six tenure homes. The proposal was presented to University Libraries Committee, who accepted the proposal.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM