Academic Policy Council Minutes October 15, 2009 1-2:30 PM 284 Reitz Union

Attendees: Angel Kwolek Folland Danaya Wright Bernard Mair Tracy Rambo Selman Hersfield

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM

The minutes of the March 30, 2009 and the September 23, 2009 meetings were approved.

The council discussed Strategic Work Plan goal recommendations for Dr. Machen

The council felt that faculty morale should be coupled with faculty diversity and that the reinforcement of shared governance should be the main goal. Additionally, the council recommends that improvement to the overall faculty climate, with attention to the faculty survey, should be a priority. The council also agreed that the lowering class sizes and student/teacher ratios where large class sizes is detrimental is important and that international research is important. The council felt that a goal should be added to strengthen IFAS.

The council discussed making use of peer instruction to provide higher quality of instruction without additional resources.

Danaya Wright will draft a letter regarding the strategic plan information for Dr. Machen to consider.

The meeting adjourned at 1:48 PM