

Academic Policy, Curriculum and Structure Policy Council
Minutes
Senate Workday August 25, 2005
1:00-1:50 P.M.
285 Reitz Union

Dr. Mecholsky called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M..

Chair's Report

Jack Mecholsky, Chair

The following discussion items will be considered by the council during the semester.

Discussion Items

- **Calendar Schedule Change-** Adjustment for Final Examination and Graduation conflicts - Dr. Dickison reported that there is a temporary, and hopefully permanent, solution to the problem. Dr. Fouke, Provost, needs to look at the new plan for approval. A long term solution still needs to be created.
- **Honorary Degrees-** A proposal was made to move the responsibility of the Honorary Degrees Committee from the Faculty Welfare Council to the Academic Policy, Curriculum and Structure Council. More emphasis will be placed on granting honorary degrees to symbolize academic excellence to a national/international audience through selections of outstanding national or international figures.
- **Service Learning-** In addition to classes and research there is a proposal to give credit for service learning. A briefing of the Council is planned for the beginning of the semester.
- **Minus Grades-** There is a proposal to expand the grade range to include minus grades and possibly A+ grades. A representative from the law school stated that when GPA is considered in job applications the absence of an A+ puts students from UF at a disadvantage. The issue of grade inflation was also discussed.
- **Tuition-** The council feels that tuition needs to be increased especially in state undergraduate tuition.
- **Dean's Evaluation Forms-** There needs to be consistency in the evaluation forms. The format should be appropriate for both deans and faculty.
- **Graduate Student Forms-** Current forms are not student or faculty friendly. What changes would make it more meaningful in the evaluation of students by faculty?

Committee Reports

- Honorary Degrees **Barry Ache, Chair**
No report given.
- University Curriculum Committee **Sheila Dickison, Chair**
Dr. Dickison gave a background of the committee and talked about current concerns and progress the committee is making.
- Graduate Council **Ken Gerhardt, Chair**
Ken Gerhardt talked about new degree proposals and gave an update on the council's progress.
- General Education Council **William McCollough, Chair**

William McCollough gave an overview of the committee including: meeting structure, membership and tasks. He spoke about a proposal to raise the minimum grade requirement for general education courses to a “C”. He also spoke about specifying that for the international and diversity focus students need 3 credits of each.

- Student Petitions
No report given.

Lou Powers, Chair

Attendees:

Joan Frosch,
Jack Mecholsky
Doug Barrett
Janie Fouke
Sheila Dickison
Ken Gerhardt
William McCollough
Kim Tanzer