

2015-16 FACULTY SENATE
ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES February 19, 2016
Approved: March 4, 2016

February 24, 2016

Members Present: Blumberg, Bradley, Escobar, Gonsier-Gerdin, Gonzalez, Irwin,
Migliaccio, Schmidlein, Van Gaasbeck, Vogt, Fields, Geyer, Hernandez,
Murphy, Trigales, Taylor

Members Absent: Bowie, Hunt, Li, Watson-Derbigny

Guests Present: Malroutu, Slabinski

Call to Order: Called to order at 2:05 p.m.

1. Open Forum:

* **S. Escobar –Online Evaluations / FPC role:** FPC is developing a faculty survey regarding online evaluations and issues. FPC Chair, De-Laine Cyrenne, has requested that if anyone has questions they would like to have included in the survey, please forward them to APC Chair first and then S. Escobar can forward to her.

* **Additional Feedback/Comments on Online Evaluation Issue:** K. Van Gaasbeck recommended to S. Blumberg that a resolution be brought forward to the Senate and delivered at a Senate meeting during Open Forum. The resolution should state a specific plan of action that could be taken. Van Gaasbeck also suggested that FPC obtain the raw data from campus IT who runs the online evaluations, and follow-up analyses on response rates, etc. She felt that it would be important to do statistical inference analyses to get at a deeper level of some of the issues and problems with the online evaluations.

2. Agenda Approved: Approved 2:13pm

3. Minutes for February 5, 2015 Reviewed. Minutes approved, 2:15pm

4. Timely Declaration of Major Policy, Amendment of. (Appendix B). The Committee reviewed the amended policy draft and made minor changes to the document. Chair Escobar will forward the final draft of the policy, reflecting all of the Committee's changes, along with the transmittal document to the Executive Committee for its review at the March 1st Ex. Comm. meeting. Chair Escobar will also prepare and send to Exec. Comm. a policy draft and transmittal document that requests deletion of the Pre-Major and Expressed Interest Definition Policy, since that language has been subsumed by the amended Timely Declaration of Major Policy. The Committee requested that the

amended Timely Declaration of Major Policy be approved first and then the policy deletion request can be made, in order to avoid legislative redundancy and, perhaps, achieve legislative feng shui ☺

- 5. Drop Policy, Amendment of. (Appendix C).** The Committee discussed the Drop Policy as it had been presented in the 92-94 catalog, as well as what had been approved by the 98-99 Faculty Senate. With the help of D. Geyer and K. Trigales, it was determined that a policy had been passed or approved at some point in the past, though there is no record of such a policy in the University Policy Manual (UPM); only the official catalog copy appears to exist. The Committee directed Chair Escobar to send to Cheryl Johnson the 92-94 catalog language and the 98-99 Faculty Senate “agreed” documents in order to place this language in the UPM. There is no need to send the policy draft through the Senate since it has already been approved in the past. The Committee decided that, once the approved Drop Policy language is placed in the UPM, it can go back and address the issue of the new language, or proposed language, to allow for more restrictive faculty attendance and drop policies during the first week of classes.

6. Meeting Schedule for Spring 2016

~~February 5~~
~~February 19~~
March 4

March 18
April 1
April 15

May 6

- 7. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 3:20pm.

Sue C. Escobar, Committee Chair