

2016-2017 FACULTY SENATE
ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES September 16, 2016
Approved: October 7, 2016

September 20, 2016

Members Present: Escobar, Evans, Irwin, Li, Schmidlein, Sharpp, Hernandez, Murphy, Trigales

Members Absent: Heather, Geyer, Gonsier-Gerdin, Gonzalez, Heinicke, Watson-Derbigny

Guests Present: Anderegg, Dean, Hunt, Newsome

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

1. Open Forum:

K. Trigales (Registrar's Office) provided an update on the campus' Preferred Name Policy, which is a policy that allows a student, as well as others, to use their preferred name and gender instead of their legally given name and assigned gender on campus records and documents (e.g., course rosters, advising summary page). She explained that Sacramento State had implemented a soft rollout of the policy and was working with the Pride Center on this.

J. Murphy (Academic Advising) shared that a new app had been developed called "My Professor," available on Google Play and iTunes, which lists all office hours of faculty in one app. The app is not simply an advisory sign-up tool; rather, it is just a tool to view office hours. There is an interest in developing an app to link the office hours with students' personal calendars.

2. Approval of the Agenda: Approved 2:25pm

3. Selection of APC liaison to the Readmission Subcommittee – D. Evans. *(Thanks, Dave!)*

4. Discussion Item: Drop Policy, Amendment of. [FS 15/16-xx/APC/GSPC].

The Committee provided suggestions and revisions to the policy draft presented. The Committee recommended that this policy, with the suggested renaming to the Drop & Withdrawal Policy, that it focus exclusively on the rules concerning course drops and withdrawals and withdrawals from the university and not address other campus policies, such as those dealing with WU (Unauthorized Withdrawals) and the Grade Correction and Deletion Policy. Language concerning the approval of drops and withdrawals from Field Trip courses, or courses with a field trip component, was added.

5. Information Items: Impaction Task Force Report & Impaction Program Data.

The Committee discussed both the report and the data that were shared. The goal in sharing these items with APC is to generate feedback to provide to the Senate Chair for a broader report to be given to President Nelsen, which he had requested at an Exec Committee meeting earlier in this semester. The general sense of the committee was that if we examine this report and the data closely, there is a possibility, down the road, that impaction will cease to exist on this campus, which some folks shared is a goal of President Nelsen's. Broad points or comments raised included taking a closer look at existing campus policies concerning impaction to see if they are being applied and used as intended. A second area of commentary centered on student voices; Dr. Newsome recommended that committee members take a look at the various reports from students, such as the Exit Survey, the eye-opening results of which were used in the Impaction Report. Lastly, a broader area of commentary focused on whether a more integrated enrollment strategy could assist students with respect to declaring a major sooner and whether the "expressed interest" status should be utilized.

Meeting Schedule for Fall 2016

~~September 2~~
~~September 16~~
October 7

October 21
November 4
November 18

December 2

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

Sue C. Escobar, Committee Chair