

Meeting #1 Academic Policies and Personnel Committee (2015- 2016)

Thursday, September 24, 2015

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

SIPA 103 @MMC/AC2 210@BBC

MINUTES

Members: Michael Christie (EG), Marin Gillis (Medicine), Valerie George (PH), Fred Blevens (JM), Adis Beesting (Library), M. O. Thirunarayanan (ED), Howard Wasserman (Law), Yesim Darici (AS), Sharon Simon (CNHS)

Guests: Kevin Coughlin, Elizabeth Bejar, Susan Himburg, Bridgette Cram

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.
2. The agenda was approved without corrections.
3. The minutes of the meeting of April 9, 2015 were approved without corrections.
4. M. O. Thirunarayanan, College of Education, was elected Chair and Adis Beesting, Library, was elected Secretary.
5. Doodle poll will be created and circulated to determine meeting times for the year.
6. 2016-2017 Academic Calendar shell discussion (Kevin Coughlin, University Registrar)

The University Registrar intends to present the 2017-2018, 2018-2019 academic calendar shells for Committee approval, so 3 years are approved each year.

Motion 1.1

The Academic Policies & Personnel Committee unanimously approved the 2016-2017 Academic Calendar shell.

7. Discussion on BOG policy on college credit for online courses (Elizabeth Bejar, Vice President for Academic Affairs/ Susan Himburg, Associate Vice President for Academic Planning & Accountability)

- We are required by the BOG to have a policy that includes language on accepting credit, upon review, from MOOCs completed prior to enrollment.
- FIU's pilot MOOCs were deemed not to be equivalent to coursework in the subject area.
- College of Business MOOC pilots had similar outcomes.
- *StraighterLine* is offering courses for credit, evaluated by ACE that assess coursework and may provide transcript. They assess whether it's legitimate coursework.
- If ACE does not evaluate then the departments must evaluate the MOOC content for equivalency
- During evaluation process, faculty credentials are reviewed.
- Concerns over cheating were discussed. Who is actually doing the work, and how are the exams proctored in the MOOC?
- The Office of Transfer and Transition will handle the logistics and build the infrastructure.
- Credit by exam is an existing policy. We do not have authority to charge for this credit but may be able to charge administrative fees.
- Faculty Workload considerations emerged.
- FIU policy requires that 25% of course to degree must be in residency.

Motion 1.2

The Academic Policies & Personnel Committee unanimously approved the "Credit used to Accelerate Time- to-Degree" policy with the following recommendations:

- **6a. Statement be modified to add acceptance/denial of credits**
- **Ensure that the policy clearly states that is for Undergraduate degrees only.**

Missed Class Policy Review:

- This policy is in the catalog, but there is no written policy.

- The University must have provisions for students missing class for participating in University events.

Motion 1.3

The Academic Policies & Personnel Committee unanimously approved the "Missed Class Policy for Authorized University Events."

Old Business:

8. Faculty Governance Survey Discussion
 - Valerie gave a brief presentation on the history of the Faculty Governance Survey and urged the Committee to continue to work on moving the issue forward.
 - Committee asked for a breakdown of respondents to the Faculty Governance Survey.

New Business:

9. Discussion of possible issues for the committee this year:
 - Status of Administrator Evaluation Survey - FAAS
 - Development of a policy that addresses how decisions to host a controversial event/show @FIU are vetted through Faculty Governance.
 - Yesmin Darici (AS) will draft a policy for Committee consideration.
 - Follow up on Student Assessment of Instruction (SAI) with Provost and Vice Provost. Where posted, etc. How to improve response rate?

10. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Adis Beesting, APPC Secretary