

ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2015

Attendance: Dawne Page, Karen Sangren, Laurance Beauvais, Michelle Riingen, Susan Rogers, Rob Thompson, Kendra Oakes Mueller, Skip Rutledge, Mark Pitts, Kristie Camet (resource), Maria Zack (guest), Dan Bothe (guest), Becky Haven (guest)

Prayer: Susan Rogers

Approval of November 5, 2015 APC Minutes: M/S/P

APC Proposal Discussions

- Some curricular proposals being presented to APC will include APC members as part of the presentation/Q&A/discussion process.
- Should presenting APC members be allowed to stay for internal APC discussions or should they be excused?
- Susan recommended dismissal.
- Rob disagreed and believes faculty members are capable of wearing two hats.
- Dawne made an argument for frankness and openness within APC.
- Susan stressed that confidentiality is key.
- Skip inquired about the impact on quorum. Mark responded that the presenting member’s vote would still be taken and there would be no negative effect on quorum.
- Group consensus is that confidentiality and robust conversation with all members present is the proper way to proceed going forward.

NEW Business

1. MICS Proposals – first reading

- PowerPoint presentation shared with APC members.
- Maria Zack was present to provide background to each proposal.
- Recommendation to approve all proposals – M/S/P

2. FSB Proposals – first reading

- Need to clarify “drop” and “unit impact” language.
- Karen inquired if the proposals are just a refinement of past department revisions. Dan answered yes. It’s a matter of streamlining and increasing efficiencies.
- Michelle inquired what the class size increase would be. Answer is that class size would go from 5-6 to approximately 10.
- Rob inquired how the changes would affect the program itself? It’s just a matter of content shifting into other courses.
- Linear algebra has been eliminated from the program content.
- Our business economic program is not math-based.

- Dawne inquired if most students go to graduate school. Answer was yes and they need calculus for that.
- Kendra inquired if we are comparative to other institutions. Answer was yes, we are comparative with other business and sociology programs. In fact, ours is a broader program than most.
- Dawne inquired about staffing. FSB is currently looking for a full-time social media staff member.
- Kendra inquired about the complication of obtaining instructor consent to take BUS100. Dan answered that it is important to weed out the late business majors trying to take the class but that non-business majors would be accepted.
- Recommendation to approve proposal – *M/S/P with approval by APC that at their discretion, FSB can add catalog copy addressing recommended elective courses for non-Business majors.*

3. Nursing Proposals – first reading

- Skip inquired if the proposals would affect current community college partnerships. Michelle answered no. Those are separate.
- Dawne inquired how many students are affected by these proposals. Michelle answered not many. The issue is that students want to transfer non-university (AP, etc.) credit. The proposal being presented formalizes an already used unwritten rule.
- Recommendation to approval proposals – M/S/Withdrawn
- After additional discussion, motion made to table the vote and get clarification regarding pre-nursing HS student with community college credit and how that transfers (or if the student has to retake the courses). Recommendation made to ask Marsha Reece and Barb Taylor to attend the December meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.