

**Academic Council
January 25, 2017 Meeting
UC Iris Room
3 p.m.**

CALLING OF THE ROLL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

Enrollment Management

Office of Admissions

1) Revise Admissions Policy (Dual Enrollment Criteria)

Amy Corlew, Director of Admissions, Change to Dual Enrollment Policy

It was recommended that a change be made regarding the “appeal language”; with the recommendation, a motion was made to approve the proposal; the motion was seconded and approved by all.

General Education Committee

2) Addition – Introduction to Dance (DANC 1200)

A motion was made to approve the proposal; the motion was seconded and approved by all.

APPROVED

College of Behavioral and Health Sciences

School of Nursing

3) Revise – RN to BSN Completion Track

Kem French represented the proposal. The purpose of the change is two-fold it will not change number of hours or program itself. It is an alternative delivery system for the program. It is the same degree regardless of the delivery method.

A motion was made to approve the proposal; the motion was seconded and approved by all.

APPROVED

OLD BUSINESS

Academic Affairs

4) APSU Policy - 5:015 – Faculty Workload – *Provided for consideration at the November 2016 AC meeting.*

Revision to the Faculty Workload Policy was recently passed by Faculty Senate and Deans’ Council.

Reduction of credit hours for large class size is to bring in-line with national norms. Idea is that additional help is provided by Teaching Assistants, etc. ARC can be adjusted for Seminar category was removed from the policy.... If it is a regular course, it will be treated as a course. Thesis distribution is an improvement.

A motion was made to approve the revisions, the motion was seconded and approved by all.

Other

- 5) **Academic Council's Role in Reviewing Policies** – *Presented at the November A.C. meeting for further consideration* It is proposed that the Academic Council not review
Proposed that the Academic Council be renamed to the University Curriculum Committee. Rather than Committee that it be University Curriculum Council. A motion was made to approve the change, the motion was seconded and approved by all.

- 6) **Degree Trends By Major** – *Discussed at the November A.C. meeting and emailed to A.C. on Dec. 2, 2016*

We are starting to really come face to face with the mess that our curriculum is in. We are looking to get an automated system called “degree works” to assist students with their degrees. It only works with degrees/4 year plans. Our landscape is: degrees/ concentrations/options/tracks/specializations.... Not all degrees, but many. We only track degrees and concentrations. Degrees require 10 graduates per year (state requirement); we do not have data on options, tracks, specializations, etc. As we move to our own Board, we should get some rules about what a degree is and what a concentration is and not use other options. This group will be involved in assisting in the clean-up of these issues.

It was noted that the information is not accurate on the spreadsheet. These issues need to be corrected.

We can't have so many concentrations that are graduating low numbers each year.

There are always exceptions, but as a general rule...a concentration should graduate about 5 students per year. The THEC academic audit looks at the numbers of graduates. We will now need to monitor graduates more closely.

We need guidance on what a degree is? We need some rules and definitions.

Adjourned at 3:33.