
**ACADEMIC POLICY COUNCIL
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2006**



Absent: Caso, Holder, Muehsam, Spencer, Ward (Mullings attended), Young

1. Approval of APC minutes of December 7, 2005. The minutes were approved as presented.
2. Council of Academic Deans minutes of November 30, 2005; December 14, 2005; January 17 and 25, 2006; and February 8, 2006. The minutes were reviewed.
3. Update on Review of Academic Policy Statements.
 - a. APS 930129—Enrollment in Thesis or Dissertation Courses. Dr. Muehsam will bring the policy back to APC at a future meeting.
 - b. APS 910116—Off-Campus Instruction. Dr. Hebert will bring the policy back to APC at a future meeting.
 - c. APS 940202—Payments to University Employees for Services. Dean Lewis will bring the policy back to APC at a future meeting.
 - d. APS 950601—Readers Not Employed by SHSU Serving on SHSU Thesis and Dissertation Committees. On behalf of Dr. Muehsam, Dr. Price presented proposed revisions to the referenced policy. One additional amendment was proposed to Section 2.01. The motion was made and seconded to endorse the revised policy with the amendment. Passed unanimously.
 - e. APS 921007—Academic Advisory Councils. Dr. Eglsaer recommended changes to the referenced policy in Sections 6.03.c and 6.03.d. The motion was made and seconded to endorse the revised policy. Passed unanimously.

Reminder: APC is in the process of reviewing all Academic Policy Statements in an effort to ensure the policies are up to date and compliant with current legislation, Regents' Rules and Regulations, Coordinating Board guidelines, etc. The policies are being reviewed in the order in which they are listed in the numerical indices of the Academic Policy Manual, beginning with the Faculty Section. When this process began, the intent was to review three policies at each meeting. However, some policies are requiring additional time for review. As soon as some of the policies currently under review are brought forward for action, new policies will be distributed for consideration.

4. APS 950818—Distribution of Recovered Indirect Cost Policy. Dr. Payne and Dr. Plishker presented revisions to the referenced policy. According to the revised policy, 50 percent of the recovered indirect cost—rather than 25 percent—will be split among and returned to the principal investigator, the department, and the college. An additional change was suggested to Section 6.03. The motion was made and seconded to endorse the revised policy. Passed unanimously.

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In addition, Dr. Plishker's office is to develop a form that can be used in reporting expenditures and benefits of these expenditures at the end of each fiscal year. Members agreed that upon approval by the Council of Academic Deans, the form should be included as an attachment to the policy.

5. Faculty Enhancement and Faculty Research Grants. On behalf of the University Research Council, Dr. Plishker made recommendations for funding the referenced grants. There was some concern expressed about the purpose of awarding the grants as well as awarding the grants for two years. The item was tabled until the next meeting.
6. Miscellaneous.
 - a. Update on dean searches. An update on the status of the dean searches (Criminal Justice AND Humanities and Social Sciences) was given.
 - b. IDEA system. Dr. Price reported that the faculty have strong concerns about the evaluation forms not being pre-printed with individual faculty member/class information and about the administration of the evaluation process.

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