
**ACADEMIC POLICY COUNCIL
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2006**



Absent: Jenkins, Spencer, Stevens, Ward (Wes Johnson attended)

1. Approval of APC minutes of March 1, 2006. The minutes were approved as presented.
2. Council of Academic Deans minutes of February 22, 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.

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. Faculty Enhancement and Faculty Research Grants. On behalf of the University Research Council, Dr. Plishker made recommendations for awarding Faculty Research Grants and Enhancement Grants for 2006. There were fifteen proposals submitted for Research Enhancement Fund Awards with 8 proposals awarded (\$131,454). There were 39 proposals submitted for Faculty Research Fund Awards and 10 were awarded funding (\$50,000). Some concern was expressed over the number of awards for professional development rather than for research and over faculty receiving two-year awards. Members agreed that for two-year awards, the faculty member does not need to reapply for the second year but must present documentation during the first year demonstrating progress. The motion was made and seconded to endorse the recommendations. Passed unanimously.
5. TSI retest. If a student does not score satisfactorily, the state allows the institutions to decide whether or not to require the student to be retested. The motion was made and seconded that SHSU not require the student to be retested—just that they satisfactorily complete the appropriate remediation. Passed unanimously.

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6. Reading remediation. Dr. Eglsaer reminded members that, according to Section 3.05 of APS 930226, Required Remedial Education, any student who has not demonstrated competency in reading will not be allowed to take any reading-intensive courses.

7. Miscellaneous.
 - a. Update on dean search. Dr. Payne gave an update on the dean searches for the College of Criminal Justice and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

 - b. Updating faculty handbook. The Faculty Senate has forwarded a resolution concerning the need to update *The Faculty Handbook*.

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Recorder