
**ACADEMIC POLICY COUNCIL
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2006**



Absent: Hebert (Keri Rogers attended), Lewis (Leroy Ashorn attended), Plishker, Ringo

Visitor: Debbie Price

1. Approval of APC minutes of October 4, 2006. The minutes were approved as presented.
2. Update on Review of Academic Policy Statements.
 - a. APS 930129—Enrollment in Thesis or Dissertation Courses. Dr. Muehsam indicated that the Graduate Council is reviewing the referenced policy and he 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.
3. APS 801014—Graduate Faculty Status. Dr. Muehsam indicated that, with endorsement of the Faculty Senate, changes recommended at the previous APC meeting had been made to the referenced policy. The motion was made and seconded to endorse the policy. Passed unanimously.

With regard to implementation of the new policy, a faculty member currently on the graduate faculty will remain on the graduate faculty under the new policy. The current policy has only two levels: associate member and regular member. The new policy has three levels of membership: associate membership, full membership—master’s, and full membership—doctoral. An associate member under the current policy will automatically become an associate member under the revised policy. A regular member will be moved to either the full membership—master’s or full membership—doctoral level based upon the recommendation of the academic dean.

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 900417—Faculty Reappointment, Tenure, and Promotion. Dr. Eglsaer presented the referenced policy with recommended changes from Fernando Gomez incorporated. The motion was made and seconded to endorse the policy with the proposed revisions. Passed unanimously.

5. Miscellaneous.

- a. Readmittance. Dr. Eglsaer brought up the issue of students on probation being readmitted but then not returning to school the following semester. It was agreed that if the students do not return the following semester after being cleared for readmittance, they must see their academic dean. The motion was made and seconded to endorse the proposed concept. Passed unanimously. Dr. Eglsaer and Mr. Thorn will bring back to APC wording for a statement to be included in the catalog.

- b. Requirements for “walking” at graduation. Dr. Eglsaer indicated that there had been some confusion in determining who would be allowed to “walk” at graduation. A student should apply for graduation within a reasonable length of time and must reasonably be able to meet the standards for graduation within the semester in which he/she has applied to graduate. The item will be referred to the Council of Academic Associate Deans for specific wording and will be brought back to APC.

Dorothy Roberson
Recorder