

Academic Policy Council Meeting

July 9, 2007

Attendees:

Dave Bloomquist
Jack Mecholsky
Carol Murphy
David Quillen
Anita Spring
Danaya Wright

Robert Agrusa
Janie Fouke
Ken Gerhardt
Barbara Wingo
Mark Rush
Jonathan Hamilton
Angel Kwolek-Folland

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM

Dr. Murphy reviewed the council's charge and announced that the council is expected to provide a progress report at the August 23 Senate meeting. The council reviewed the existing policies regarding conflict of interest and faculty authored course materials.

A review of UF's existing policies shows that the policies are in line with other institutions.

The council agreed to the following statements:

- The same rules also apply to course packets and electronic means of communication, although this may not be explicit enough in the current policies.
- The council will ensure that any policy changes will allow faculty to maintain intellectual property rights and academic freedom while making course materials accessible to students.
- The council's role should be to find existing loopholes and places that need to be updated and work on fixing those areas.
- The council is not responsible for implementation of the policy but simply to make the policy. The council will create a paper on the subject with examples and guidelines and submit to the Senate and Colleagues.
- The policy needs to avoid the problem of different implementations in various colleges

Dr. Spring recommended that the council create a paper on the subject to provide answers to questions and provide examples (no names and no specifics) of scenarios where conflict may be found and how to avoid it so faculty members and administrators understand the policies are and how they apply.

Dr. Wingo informed the council that any policy changes will need to go through the regulation approval process and go to the collective bargaining team.

Suggestions were made to:

- Implement the current policy
- Cap the amount faculty members can receive in royalties
- Donate royalties
- Give royalties back to departments/colleges
- Implement a second review process of forms
- Return approved forms to the faculty members
- Recommend full financial disclosure- not just disclosure of royalties with publisher
- Develop shared governance process where the faculty and administrators in each college approve outside activities forms.

Questions and Concerns:

Does a department chair really study requests?

Does the Dean have knowledge about the requests and approvals?

What happens if a Dean or Chair is involved?

What happens if a dean or chair makes a bad decision?

What does it mean to have sufficient copies in the library?

What does the idea of reserves mean for CD packs which are linked to UFID #'s?

What about professors who are using electronic means (CD's) to prevent sharing?

How can WebCT be used instead of CD's of information and tests?

What academic technology resources are available to facilitate electronic transmission of information?

Is there a process for grievances?

How do you define "marketed nationally"?

What does “marketed exclusively” for UF mean?

Do we allow departments and colleges to profit but not professors?

Are these issues mainly found in large classes

Other considerations:

There may be a need to explicitly state that you cannot have anyone else assign your text without declaring it.

Institute a Provost review of the forms

Professors can distinguish between reading material and lab work and exams folded into a CD

Selling of extra credit should not be allowed

Examples of instances to illustrate issues need to be gathered.