

**Academic Policy Council
Minutes
December 6, 2006
Tigert 202
3:00-5:00 PM**

Attendees:

Anita Spring
Carol Murphy
Ken Gerhardt
Luise White
Saeed Khan
Janie Fouke
Steve Willis

Guest:

Robert Emerson

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 PM

The minutes of the November 21, 2006 meeting were approved.

Chair's report

Anita Spring reported that she will send the APC's concerns regarding the proposed Gordon rule changes to the General Education Council.

Private Note Services

Robert Emerson, a professor in the College of Business informed the council about various issues regarding private note services. Concerns include copyright infringement and the quality of the notes. These notes serve as a substitute for students who do not attend class and Dr. Emerson has noticed, that the notes sold for his class, are often incorrect or incomplete. Dr. Emerson is requesting action at the University level in order to assist faculty who do not support the private notes services. Dr. Emerson will forward the council examples of policies that have been established at other universities regarding note services. The council will look into the issue once more information is received from Dr. Emerson.

Minus Grades

The council discussed the minus grades presentation to the Senate. Dr. Fouke requested that the start date be noted as proposed and be a spring semester to avoid confusion with summer B students who enter on a different grading scale if the implementation takes place in the fall. The council amended the request to state: Proposed for courses commencing in Spring Semester 2008. The council reviewed the student senate resolution.

Dr. Fouke reported that the freshmen and sophomore retention rates are about 96 percent and the graduation rate is about 82 percent.

Sun-setting CLAS programs

The council reviewed the information regarding the closing for the Center for Gerontological Studies. Ken Gerhardt reported that while the Center closed, the certificates offered by the Center are now offered by other departments. The council decided that no further action needed to be taken regarding this issue.

Other Issues

Dr. Spring read an email received from a faculty member regarding travel to countries on the US State department travel warning list. The faculty member is concerned because countries on the travel warning list are often countries in which some students' studies would be benefited if they studied abroad there. Dr. Fouke reported that programs are allowed to be held in countries where UF has established programs affiliated with a University.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM