

Council on Academic Policy, Curriculum and Structure
September 9, 2005
12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.
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Attendees:

Cal Dolce
Joan Frosch
Jack Mecholsky
Anita Spring

Absent:

Donna Duckworth
Luise White

Affiliated Committees Attendees:

Sheila Dickinson, Chair, University Curriculum Committee
Andy McCollough, Chair, General Education Council

Affiliated Committees Absent:

Honorary Degrees Committee,
Graduate Council
Student Petitions Committee

Jack Mecholsky called the meeting to order at 12:30 P.M.

Minutes of the August 25, 2005 meeting were approved.

Calendar Schedule Change Sheila Dickinson reported on the calendar schedule change adjustment for graduation.

Dr. Fouke is currently considering a proposal to recognize all of the graduate students in the same convocation. This will help the University attain its goal of highlighting graduate studies.

Dr. Mecholsky raised concerns that the council did give input to the proposal before it was given to the Provost. The University Curriculum Committee will work more closely with the council in the future.

Service Learning Committee Dr. Mecholsky reported on the service learning committee to bring visibility to service learning on campus. The service learning committee will make a presentation to the council this Fall to define the concept and discuss ways to bring service learning to the entire campus.

Minus Grades Dr. McCollough updated the council on the status of the proposed changes to the grading scale. A subcommittee of the University Curriculum Committee was created to look at the current grading scale. The subcommittee recommended that no change in the current grading policies take place, that deviation from the University policy by a college or school should be petitionable, and that a broader and more

thorough consideration of these policies should be undertaken as part of any renewed consideration of the University's total academic environment.

The issue was not voted on in the Senate because the UCC, as a result of their subcommittee's findings, had no reason to present a recommendation on this issue to the Senate.

Dean's Evaluation Forms Dr. Mecholsky discussed the Dean's evaluation forms. There was a request for a standardized process. The council is researching answers to questions about the process such as frequency and recipient of evaluations.

Graduate Student Forms Graduate student forms are still under evaluation. The council will look into ways to make changes to some forms that do not serve the students or faculty. The council would like to have academic input on the creation of academic forms. Dr. Mecholsky will bring a copy of a form with recommended changes to the next council meeting.

Academic Learning Compacts The legislature of the State of Florida will most likely require an assessment protocol for all college programs with written guidelines. UF has taken a proactive stance and has drafted a recommendation guideline. The draft has been sent to all academic units and the details of the assessment is being formulated at the department level.

Committee reports

General Education Council- Andy McCollough reported on the International and Diversity proposals on the current steering committee agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 P.M.