

Academic Policy Council
Minutes
March 17, 2010
3-5 PM
354 Holland Hall

Attendees:

Saeed Khan
Selman Hershfield
Angel Kwolek Folland
Danaya Wright
Nancy Poehlmann
Ken Gerhardt
Mirka Koro-Ljungberg

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved.
Nancy Poehlman was elected chair for the 2010-2011 academic year.

The linguistics proposal was approved. Representatives from linguistics explained that the program is operating like a department. The CLAS faculty council approved the proposal unanimously.

The council discussed the draft on interdisciplinary education that Ken Gerhardt wrote. The council agreed that there needs to be incentive for interdisciplinary programs that do not have classes.

Matt Fajack is looking at other units for models so that the RCM model is not structured to discourage cross college interactions.

The committee discussed creating a subcommittee to create guidelines to about interdisciplinary education and to perhaps create a permanent committee to promote interdisciplinary to students and faculty. The committee will look into what other universities are doing. The report will provide guidance and identify problems and promote where to go.

The council discussed programs in genetics and genomics and interdisciplinary ecology.

A council member noted that other AAU institutions create new disciplines out of interdisciplinary collaboration.

The APC will look at how to encourage interdisciplinary work and will work with the budget council on RCM.

The council discussed the tenure and promotion process in interdisciplinary fields. The council would like to create a statement from the Senate that tenure and promotion guidelines should be

created within departments and should not discourage interdisciplinary work. The council would also like to define the term and include trans, cross and multi disciplinary.

The council would like to add interdisciplinary studies to next year's agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 3:56 PM