

Minutes
Academic Policy Council
Monday, October 15, 2007
471 Grinter Hall
2PM – 4 PM

Attendees:
Carol Murphy
Saeed Khan
David Quillen
Dave Denslow
Dave Bloomquist
Danaya Wright
Jack Mecholsky
Mark Rush

Guests:
Carol Kem
Jamie Keith
Angel Kwolek Folland
Barbara Wingo
Shelly Arlen
Rick Yost

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM

I. Approval of minutes – September 20, 2007

The minutes of the September meeting were approved pending edits.

II. Sub-committee reports on faculty-authored course materials and conflict of interest (Murphy and Wright; Denslow and Rush)

The council discussed the subcommittee reports on faculty authored course materials and conflict of interest. Dr. Murphy expressed concern about UF's policy on access because only 14 of the 39 public AAUs have conflict of interest rules and none require access.

Carol Kem and Shelly Arlen expressed concern about housing numerous texts at the library and stated that there should not be an expectation that the library will purchase texts.

Jamie Keith noted that access should not be tied to faculty integrity.

Keith also noted that disclosure does not remove a conflict of interest. Disclosure is the first step and there is a second step to manage the conflict if necessary.

The council agreed that they are making a statement whether they take the notion of access out of the policy or not.

The council agreed to modify language in the proposed draft report for revisions to the Conflict of Interest Policy on the assignment of course materials for which the employee has a financial interest by the Academic Policy Council.

- Reiterate that the Univ. is committed to academic freedom and to giving the instructor of a course the full discretion to choose **appropriate** ~~the best~~ course materials for the students in all cases.

Change the term friend or family member to relative throughout the document.

The council also discussed replacing the term foreseeable future with 3 years.

The council discussed notifying students of the conflict of interest policies and faculty authored course materials.

The council discussed creating a centralized consulting body to serve as an advisory committee on FACM and COI. The committee would not serve as a way to punish faculty but as a body to discuss these issues with in order to prevent COI in advance. The council discussed whether the committee should be ad hoc and the membership. A structure of having one person from AFTPRSC and one person from APC was discussed.

Danaya Wright will redraft the draft report.

III. Report on Strategic Work Plan and President Machen's goals 2007-2008
Dr. Machen's goals for the 2007-08 AY have not been approved by the Board of Trustees yet.

IV. Report on recent General Education Committee meeting and Gordon Rule revisions
General Education Committee will work on this issue at their next meeting. Dr. Murphy proposed that the APC work with General Education on this issue.

The meeting adjourned at 4 PM