

Faculty Senate Academic Policy Committee (APC) Minutes
August 28, 2012 - 3:00 pm in 206 Mann Hall

Senators Present: Co-chair Warren Jasper, Jeannette Moore, Roy Borden, Jane Lubischer, Ann Penrose, Richard Spontak, Beverly Tyler

Unable to attend: Dimitris Argyropoulos, Harald Ade

1. Approval of the minutes from the April 10th, 2012 meeting

Minutes of the April 10th meeting were distributed to the committee electronically by Senator Argyropoulos and were approved.

2. Advising of student athletes IOC1208e (Date entered: 120828)

The issue: Recent athletic scandals have brought into focus the opportunities for improper actions in programs designed to support and assist student athletes. What kind of support do student athletes get? All Sports? All reporting to the academic side of the university (ie. Provost)? Articulation of Metrics, how are the programs assessed.

Action Item: Warren will contact Carrie Leger (515-0332) and invite her to the next APC meeting (9/11) to begin a dialog on the student athletic support, how that complements the SIS system, etc. Is there or should there be a formal or informal relationship between the athletic adviser and the academic adviser? When are practice times, and how can that affect potential majors? A web site on the Academic Support Program for Student Athletes can be found at <http://www.ncsu.edu/aspsa/>. Please review before the next meeting.

3. Low submission rates by students for CLASSEVAL IOC1204a (Date entered: 120425).

The issue: The statistics from CLASSEVAL are taking on more and more weight in evaluation of teaching, promotion, and teaching awards in some departments. If a small percentage of students fill them out, are the data statistically relevant? Can one evaluate the course, the instructor, or the program with a low turnout? Should the data be compared by level (all 100 level courses) vs. department averages or college averages?

Action Item: Beverly will contact UPA to see if there was a statistical difference in the response rates, as well as the departmental and college averages when the switch was made from in class evaluations to the online version.

4. Updates from APC members on University Standing Committees

Jeannette Moore, Richard Spontak: **EOT (Evaluation of Teaching)**

No Report. EOT has not met this semester

Roy Borden: **UCCC (University Courses and Curricula)**

No Report. UCCC has not met this semester.

5. Other Business

Warren brought up the topic of the advising process. The current advising process spans 3 weeks where students have the opportunity to interact with their adviser. Since at this time many students have not yet had their advising hold released and it is before registration begins, many students do not know what they want to take, or if they can even get into the classes they should take. In short, they come to the advising session unprepared. The question is whether the advising process can be improved to better utilize the students and the adviser's time more efficiently and make advising more effective. Committee members indicated that advising rules can be imposed by the advisor; for example, many advisors have the student re-schedule the appointment if he or she arrives unprepared, although this does not improve the efficiency of the process. On October 1 of this year, the Student Information System is going to upgrade and one of the welcome changes is the replacement of the Wish List with a process where Planned Courses will be used for the registration process. This will encourage students to more carefully plan their courses and to keep their plans up to date.

6. Adjourn 4:30 pm

Future Fall Semester APC Meetings (3:00 to 5:00 pm in 206 Mann Hall):

Sept 11

Sept 25

Oct 9

Oct 23

Nov 6

Nov 20

Dec 4