

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

Office of the Faculty Senate Academic Policy Committee

March 24, 2020 MINUTES

Attendance: RaJade Berry-James (co-chair), Kerry Havner, Min Liu, KL Murty

(Excused): Fikret Isik, Richard Kotek, Lisa Bass Freeman, Paul Williams (co-chair)

Academic Policy Committee Charge (AY 2019-20)

The NC State Academic Policy Committee of the Faculty Senate shall be responsible for reviewing, modifying and initiating policies related to: undergraduate and graduate academic policy, regulations and reform, for both on and off-campus teaching and learning environments; faculty instructional development; faculty evaluation and assessment, teaching and advising; research; and the academic calendar.

The Academic Policy Committee (APC) of the Faculty Senate discussed the following items:

I. **New Business**

All classes at NC State are now being offered online. We discussed the urgency of moving our classes to “online only” to keep teaching, given the COVID-19 pandemic.

We shared zoom tips on how we remotely connected with our students and each other.

We shared guidance received to date from Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Arden on connectivity, examination and evaluation of student teaching. See the following news:

- 20.03.20 Information on Exams, S/U Grading and Drop Date, <https://provost.ncsu.edu/news/2020/03/from-provost-arden-information-on-exams-s-u-grading-and-drop-date/>
- 20.03.22 Student Connectivity and Synchronous Participation, <https://provost.ncsu.edu/news/2020/03/from-provost-arden-student-connectivity-and-synchronous-participation/>
- 20.03.24 Guidance on Issues of Faculty Evaluation, shared with faculty via email today.

We also discussed campus developments because of COVID-19, specifically the hardship of transitioning our campus to remote instruction. We talked about the impact of this pandemic on higher education and our campus, specifically on faculty research, student completion rates and international students. We also noted that international students who complete their degree are unable to return home because of the COVID-19 crisis. Exploring opportunities for international

students who graduate and are unable to return home should be discussed with the Office of International Services. Given the impact of the pandemic on international students, we discussed the need to find additional ways to support continuing students and recent graduates during the summer..

Note: NC State Office of International Services hosted a virtual town hall meeting on March 17, 2020 to address issues of concern like travel, housing, etc. A recording of the OIS COVID-19 Virtual Town Hall is available online: https://ncsu.zoom.us/rec/play/vJwqlb-vrjk3TtGS5QSDBfd7W9XseKOsgCUe-PYKnUzgBxBXNVuiYeMXN-NwLVCEHIukLf4_9FH05z5J?continueMode=true&_x_zm_rtaid=ej2Gp6smSbyV0Ox_W23Thg.1585075828743.42ddc1becbce0db6523d67d73e2239c1&_x_zm_rhtaid=297

II. **Old Business**

None discussed.

V. **Adjournment**

Academic Policy Committee adjourned at 3:30 pm.

#KeepTeaching and #StayConnected.

Respectfully submitted,

Jade Berry James
Co-chair Academic Policy Committee