

# Faculty Senate Academic Policy Committee (APC) Minutes

November 12, 2013 - convened at 3:06 pm in 125 Polk Hall

**Senators Present:** Jeannette Moore, Co-chair; Roy Borden, Jim Knopp, Patricia Morgado, Nancy Penrose, Beverly Tyler (on sabbatical).

**Unable to attend:** Montse Fuentes, Co-chair (out of the country); Harald Ade (on sabbatical), Rich Spontak.

**Guests:** None.

## 1. Minutes from the last meeting

The October 15 minutes were approved without changes and will be posted at:

[http://ncsu.edu/faculty\\_senate/faculty-senate-committees/faculty-senate-committee-academic-policy.php](http://ncsu.edu/faculty_senate/faculty-senate-committees/faculty-senate-committee-academic-policy.php)

## 2. Old Business

- a. **Study Abroad:** Ingrid Schmidt did not yet send the revised document, so there is no update on this.
- b. **Night Exams:** Barbara Kirby did not yet send the regulations for us to review, so there is no update.
- c. **RAIV (Report of Academic Integrity Violation) concern** (Senator Borden): Eileen Goldgeier (Vice Chancellor & Gen Counsel) told Senator Borden she was surprised that a faculty member was told he could not work out an issue with a student who cheated on an exam without submitting the RAIV. Eileen said she thought faculty had broad latitude in working things out related to their classes. She said she would get back to Roy, but they have not spoken since then.

## 3. New Business

- a. **Class Eval instrument:** Senator Moore shared the recommendations made by the subcommittee of the Evaluation of Teaching Committee relative to the Class Eval instrument. Each of the 12 questions was discussed in the subcommittee, but no questions were recommended for removal. The subcommittee did suggest moving "instructor comments" up so it would be between "Instructor" and "Course" evaluation questions. The subcommittee also recommended that "course readings" be updated to "course materials" because many faculty use other materials (such as online videos to view) in addition to course readings.

The APC discussed the subcommittee recommendations. Senator Tyler suggested it would be better to have the Course questions come before the Instructor questions. Senator Moore will relay this suggestion to the Evaluation of Teaching Committee.

- b. **Fostering Student Success:** Senator Moore will be representing Faculty Senate from NCSU at tomorrow's "Fostering Student Success" meeting in Chapel Hill. Representatives from all of the constituent UNC System universities will be at the meeting. The other four representatives from NCSU will be Michelle Johnson (Associate Registrar), Tommy Griffin (Director of Admissions), Krista Domnick (Director of Scholarships and Financial Aid), and Carrie McLean (Director of First Year College, Academic Programs and Services).
- c. **Comprehensive Articulation Agreement:** This agreement is between the Community College system and the UNC system. Students who are admitted with an Associate of Science or Associate of Arts degree have their General Education requirements met. Because N.C. State University has the Foreign Language requirement listed under General Education, it is interpreted that students who are admitted with an A.S. or A.A. degree from a North Carolina community college do not need to meet our Foreign Language requirement. The university is stressing the importance of international experience, and APC members agreed that Foreign Language is important. Senator Morgado will write a statement to this effect and will send it to Barbara Kirby.

One point of discussion was that students who come in as Freshmen to N.C. State are obligated to complete all of our Gen Ed requirements, including the zero credit hour co-requisites. Students who come in under the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement have the co-requisites waived if they were not met. Are we penalizing our students who come here as freshmen?

#### 4. University committees APC senators are on:

Harald Ade - on sabbatical Fall 2013

Roy Borden - University Courses and Curricula (UCCC)

The UCCC is discussing the CAA (see 3.c.) and the "Core 44."

Montse Fuentes - Budget

Jim Knopp - Council on Undergraduate Education (CUE) and University Common Reading Committee

CUE is discussing the US Diversity and Global Knowledge co-requisites as well as the CAA.

Senator Moore is on the CUE subcommittee to discuss the Gen Ed rubric for evaluating courses for inclusion on a Gen Ed list. Common Reading: This has been narrowed down to 3 potential readings.

Jeannette Moore - Evaluation of Teaching (see 3.a.)

Patricia Morgado - the Council on the Status of Women is working to improve conditions for women.

Nancy Penrose - Admissions

The focus has been on the Diversity Statement in Admissions. The committee will be evaluating data to see what diversity on campus would look like if we didn't consider race in admissions.

Senator Knopp asked Senator Penrose to let the committee know there are inconsistencies in the wording of the Readmission policy.

Rich Spontak - Commencement; Evaluation of Teaching

Beverly Tyler - on sabbatical Fall 2013

#### 5. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.