

Academic Policy Committee
Minutes
October 11, 2016

Members present: Sarah Ash, Alton Banks, Marina Bykova, Jeremy Feducia, Kerry Havner, Greg Young, Paul Huffman

Members Absent: Chang Nam, Donna Carver, Sophia Kathariou, Neal Parker, Jennifer Kuzma

Guest: Lou Harrison, DELTA Director of Educational Technology Services

Topic: The syllabus tool

Had worked extensively with OUCC to develop the syllabus tool. Had bigger ideas for a newer version but have not moved in that direction yet due to the lack of funding. Would need to be a requirement for all courses for it to be viable. Provost declined to do that. Estimated cost ~ \$100,000+

So currently no plans to do anything with the tool other than keep up to date with the regulations.

Syllabus 2.0 could have sections of the tool that are linked to the “outside” or have other useful features. For example:

- Link to the bookstore to order books;
- Link grading guidelines to Moodle gradebook;
- Link outcomes and other common features for multi-section courses to make sure all syllabi have the same outcomes;
- Could have schedule that might be able to be mapped to future semesters;
- Could create info facts that could be excerpted for students interested in knowing more before registering [would not be willing to develop a tool just for this];
- Way to access syllabi for SACS;
- Connect to CIM;
- Could also collect data that might be able to be used to improve, for example, Moodle, by knowing how faculty grade, etc.

Current tool has not been updated for awhile. Have been some minor updates based on the current regulation.

URL for current syllabus tool: https://apps.delta.ncsu.edu/syllabus_tool/

2106: About 400 users of the tool; 650 syllabi

About 25 sections of the tool; should be comparable to the regulations.

Can use the tool to cut and paste required boilerplate information into an existing syllabus without using the tool.

Is there a way to use the tool for dual-listed courses? There isn't funding for that.
Update on Faculty Senate Reps on standing committees

Sarah Ash: CUE.

CUE may have reached an agreement on how to think about courses on the GEP Interdisciplinary Perspectives list: allow types of courses that look fairly deeply at two distinct disciplines (current interpretation) but also accept courses that provide more of an overview from multiple disciplines.

Marina Bykova: Committee on International Programs.

Proposal to considering adding international engagement and collaboration as part of P and T and annual reporting materials. Will be looking for Faculty Senate support.

Alton Banks/Greg Young: UCCC.

Subcommittee looking into student request to have certain course information available to them before registering for a class, similar to the Fast Facts offered through DE.

Jeremy Feducia: Athletics Council

Should take pride in the quality of the student -athletes
Only 1/~500 athletes below a 2.0

Paul Huffman: Commencement Committee (chooses student speaker).

Nothing to report right now.