

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY
Office of the Faculty Senate
Academic Policy Committee

JANUARY 28, 2020 MINUTES

Attendance: Paul Williams (co-chair), KL Murty, Richard Kotek, Lisa Bass Freeman

(Excused): RaJade Berry-James, Russel Flinchum, Kerry Havner, Fikret Isik, Min Liu, KL Murty

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

I. **New Business**

None discussed.

II. **Issues of Concern**

Our meeting focused on re-orienting ourselves with respect to the issues we have based on the reactions of senators to our committee report to the Senate on January 21, 2020. The first issue we visited is the proposed changes to the syllabus policy. We reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting where we discussed the issue and found nothing new that we wanted to add. The only issue is still the format of the university syllabus template that we agreed should be redesigned and made more appealing.

Based on what we learned at the Senate meeting that the preferred pronoun feature suggested for inclusion in student records is a fait accompli, we discussed whether the Senate should resolve to encourage faculty to honor the requests of students to use the preferred pronouns. Since we lacked a quorum we deferred action until our next meeting.

We also discussed the IOC raised by Senator Kuznetsov's problem with assistance for his TAs. Those of us there shared anecdotes about department head arbitrariness to the effect that the IOC is not an isolated case. However, the Provost has indicated that our suggestion for a task force to study and make recommendations on how to improve the administrative quality of department heads is something he does not favor. In light of that does the APC want to take on the task of doing our own investigation in view of preparing a resolution on how the head system should be reformed to increase shared governance at the departmental level?

III. **Old Business**

None discussed.

IV. **Adjournment**

Academic Policy Committee adjourned at 4:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Williams

Co-chair Academic Policy Committee