Academic Policy Committee Meeting August 3, 2022

In Attendance: Ken Zagacki, Greg Tourino, Chris DePerno, Tushar Ghosh, Tom Koch, Roger Narayan, Michael Reiskind, Terrell Robinson, and Christopher Roland

The Academic Policy Committee addressed an issue of concern sent to us by Professor Alexander Kemper. She requested that faculty not "schedule large assignments/tests on/near election day" in order "to help our students participate in the civic process."

After deliberating, the APC agreed the administration should not impose an "official" university policy that would require faculty to refrain from scheduling such assignments/tests near election days.

However, the APC also thought it might be helpful for the administration to issue a memo, a couple of weeks before elections, to notify faculty of upcoming election days and to ask faculty to accommodate students who wish to vote if such accommodations are necessary. (Some committee members thought that perhaps such memos had already been issued before past elections.)

It was also suggested that, as part of this memo, the administration should remind faculty of early voting days and of (possible) university voting locations.

Ken Zagacki was tasked with sending these recommendations to the Faculty Senate Chair.

The APC considered no other business.