

Meeting of the Villanova University Academic Policy Committee

Wednesday, October 26, 2011
Radnor/St. David's Room (Connelly Center), 12:30 pm

MINUTES

Present: Dennis Kuhn, Gerard Jones, Paul Pasles, MaryAnn Cantrell, Joyce Willens, Lesley Perry, Robert Styer, Lowell Gustafson, Craig Wheeland, Gabrielle Bruno, Elizabeth Heurich, Letizia Modena, Ed Kresch, Christopher Haas, Matthew Pagano, Louise Russo

Not in attendance: Mark Sullivan (sabbatical leave), Farid Zamani (sabbatical leave), Susan Mackey-Kallis (fellowship leave), Adele Lindenmeyr, Kathleen Carden, Megan Copel, Fayette Veverka, Michael Pagano, Sridhar Santhanam, Wayne Bremser, Chiji Akoma, Ellie Garbade

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 PM.

- I. The committee welcomed new member Matthew Pagano, who is the graduate student representative for the 2011 – 2012 academic year.
- II. The minutes were approved with modified language that will be circulated to the committee by Louise Russo.
- III. Discussion about the final week of classes assignment policy centered on Craig Wheeland's FAQ's. He added the statement requested during the last meeting to say that the policy pertained to undergraduate students only. Another lengthy discussion occurred about faculty who, with approval from the Dean, decided to change the date of a final for a few students. If the moving of the final causes a student to take 3 final examinations in one day the student is not permitted to change the day of the other 2 final examinations. Craig will edit the FAQ's and circulate them to the committee for discussion at the next meeting. The committee decided to address the policy and it will be sent to the Committee on Faculty for their approval after January 2012.
- IV. Michael Pagano and Paul Pasles met with the statistician who is analyzing the CATS data. In a very preliminary stage the statistician relayed that there were weak relationships between variables. Once the analysis is complete this committee will receive a written document that summarizes the findings.
- V. The chair brought a discussion about whether the committee would be open to having a library staff person join this committee. Robert Styer mentioned he had spoken to Joe Lucia and noted that some librarians act as adjunct professors in the realm of information

retrieval. In the discussion it was mentioned that the librarians have a good sense of the academic climate of the university and therefore a library representative should sit on this committee as a voting member. A few committee members noted that while librarians critically support the academic mission, for the most part they do not teach in the classroom and so are not well versed on many academic policy issues that this committee may be tasked to address. A motion was put forth and a vote was called. The tallies were 9 in favor of the motion, 2 dissenting votes and 2 abstentions.

VI. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Joyce S. Willens

Members of APC: Louise Russo (chair), Wayne Bremser, Fayette Veverka, Robert Styer, Adele Lindenmeyr, Christopher Haas, Mark Sullivan, Mary Ann Cantrell, Louise Fitzpatrick (represented by Lesley Perry), Joyce S. Willens, Mike Pagano, Paul Pasles, Chiji Akoma, Kail Ellis (represented by Craig Wheeland), Jean Ann Linney (represented by Lowell Gustafson), Gary Gabriele (represented by Gerard Jones), Kevin Clark (represented by Dennis Kuhn), Letizia Modena, Susan Mackey-Kallis, Farid Zamani, Ed Kresch, Sridhar Santhanam, Elizabeth Heurich, Kathleen Carden, Gabrielle Bruno, Megan Copel, Ellie Garbade, Matthew Pagano, Marisa Fetterman (non-voting member)