



ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY MINUTES

The first meeting of the Academic Policy Committee for AY 2023-24 was held in person in the East Lounge, Dougherty Hall on Thursday, September 14 at 2:00 pm.

Present: Dr. Bridget Wadzuk (Chair), Dr. Craig Wheeland, Dr. Adele Lindenmeyr, Dr. Michelle McKay, Dr. Sherry Burrell, Dr. Rachel Skrlac Lo, Dr. Kamran Javadizadeh, Dr. John Sedunov, Mr. Andrew Lund, JD, Dr. David Shaffer, Mr. Tom DeMarco, JD, Dr. Stephanie Katz, Dr. Troy Shirangi, Dr. Jacob Elmer, Dr. Noelle Comolli, Mr. Michael Risch, JD, Dr. Bette Mariani, Dr. Qi Schlupp, Mr. Drew Doughan

- 1) Dr. Wadzuk opened the meeting. All were welcomed. Introductions were made.
- 2) Minutes up for approval. Motions made and seconded, minutes approved.
- 3) Discussion on Learning Management System (LMS) selection: presented by Dr. Randy Weinstein, Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning
 1. Transition to select a new LMS has been ongoing for the past year. Three VU test programs are (1) Anthology aka Blackboard (2) Canvas (3) DTL or Brightspace
 2. Pilot testing program over Summer 2023 included 20 faculty members who were asked to rate all modules. Findings show preference for Canvas due to its simplicity. Brightspace also acceptable because of its innovative features.

Discussion ensued. Need to take in opinions of all stakeholders/faculty/students. New system needs include transition of all courses by Summer 2026, partnership with company, cost, innovation and forward-thinking, technical and administrative support, support of non-credit programs. An email to faculty will explain reasons for selection once the Provost chooses.

- 4) Review Draft of LMS minimum use: Dr. Wheeland noted minimum use of the LMS proposal presented to the Council of Deans for initial input. Deans were in general agreement, wanted to ensure APC agreed and had their input into the proposal. Dr. Wheeland noted adjunct faculty may need help, could focus on in orientation. Dr. Weinstein will update draft and join APC at a later date.

- 5) Update on summer work – Code of Academic Integrity: Dr. Alice Dailey worked with an APC sub-committee to update the Academic Integrity Code to offer guidance on the use of AI. These revisions received expedited approval by APC and the Council of Deans in time for the start of the Fall semester.
- 6) Dr. Wheeland invited APC members to APC faculty meeting on October 19 at 10:00 a.m. for Follett presentation on how to lower textbook cost for students.
- 7) Update on Wellness Day: per Dr. Wheeland, initiative is supported by the deans, now need to present to Presidential Cabinet. Optimistic it could be ready for Spring 2024 semester.

Dr. Wadzuk gave thanks to all.