Academic Policies Committee

Minutes

4 April 2017

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In Attendance: Anne Barnhart, Emily Hipchen, Ajith DeSilva, Cheryl O. Brown, Shelly Elman, Sally Richter, Rob Kilpatrick, David Jenks, Jennifer Heidorn, Matthew George, Emily McKendry-Smith

The meeting began at 12:03 PM.

I. Minutes
   a. The minutes from the 17 February 2017 meeting were approved with the correction that Ajith DeSilva’s name be added to those in attendance.

II. Hardship Withdrawal Policy
   a. Update on changes made by Rules Committee; these changes appear in the Faculty Senate October 14, 2016 and February 24, 2017 minutes.

III. Update from Minors/Sharing Courses subcommittee
   a. Sharing of courses in Area F is acceptable under current policy. We are currently following this practice. The chair or the advisor can send a request to the registrar.
   b. Issue of sharing courses between Area F and a major; we interpret the current policy text as allowing sharing.

IV. Online student evaluations for summer courses
   a. Shelly Elman will send David Jenks the APC minutes in which course evaluations for summer and Maymester were discussed.
   b. The issue of online course evaluations may be coming back via the USG.

V. Item from LEAP Service Learning subcommittee and Office of Community Engagement – designating a course in Banner as service learning
   a. Discussion of how this worked for WAC courses.
   b. UWG will be switching to Banner 9 by April 2018.
   c. Can also designate courses as service learning in Argos or EAB APS.
   d. David Jenks recommends exploring all options.
   e. Could also add a designation note at the bottom of the course through the course scheduler.

VI. Foreign Languages and Literatures credit by exam policy
   a. Students can take the placement exam and then purchase credits if they receive at least a B.
   b. Clarify that, to buy credits, needs to be a UWG course taught by one of our faculty, not eCore.
VII. New Business
   a. Emily McKendry-Smith will continue to serve as APC chair for 2017-2018.
   b. Discussion of textbook costs and Affordable Learning Georgia
      i. This is a Catch-22, as students do better with open source resources, but
         bookstore proceeds benefit student scholarships.
   c. Update on budget info from the BOR

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 1:09 PM.