

Academic Policies Committee Meeting

Agenda

February 10, 2025

1:00 P.M.

Members Present: Clifford Davis, Ericka Wentz, Amy Ellison, Kyunghee Moon, Ana Zapata-Calle

Clifford Davis, APC co-chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed the group, followed by attendee introductions. He and Ericka Wentz, APC co-chairs, then outlined the purpose and objectives of the meeting.

Davis and Wentz led a presentation explaining the rationale behind the proposed changes to the Faculty Senate Committees. The Executive Committee is currently reviewing the structure of the 11 existing committees and proposing a consolidation that would reduce the total from 11 to 8. The discussion emphasized the need to improve efficiency in committee workloads while maintaining balanced faculty representation. A comparison of the current and proposed structures demonstrated how these adjustments would help alleviate service burdens while ensuring effective governance.

During the discussion, a key question arose: **Will the name of the Academic Policies Committee (APC) change from the Academic Policies Committee to the Academic Programs Committee?** Additionally, attendees inquired about the historical roles and responsibilities of each committee in previous years. APC committee members requested access to this information to assess whether the proposed realignment appropriately reflects committee functions and responsibilities.

The conversation then shifted to the APC's role within the proposal. Attendees reviewed the committee's revised scope and responsibilities, comparing its current function to its proposed charge. Concerns were raised about whether a larger committee would remain effective. However, it was generally agreed that subcommittees could be formed as needed to manage tasks efficiently.

As the meeting concluded, participants identified areas requiring further clarification or revision. Faculty feedback will be collected to refine the proposal further. Davis and Wentz informed the group that meeting notes and a feedback document would be shared within a few days to gather additional input. **Feedback from individual APC members must be submitted by the close of business on Friday, February 21st.** The APC co-chairs will compile the responses and submit them to the Executive Committee as soon as possible.

The session ended with closing remarks emphasizing the importance of collaboration, with a follow-up meeting to be scheduled if necessary.