

Meeting of the Villanova University Academic Policy Committee

Thursday, March 29, 2012
Mendel Science Center, room 103, 2:30 pm

MINUTES

Present: Louise Russo (chair), Craig Wheeland, Christopher Haas, Lesley Perry, Mike Pagano, Ed Kresch, Bob Styer, Adele Lindenmeyr, Sridhar Santhanam, Mark Sullivan, Matthew Pagano, Lowell Gustafson, Wayne Bremser, Fayette Veverka, Gabrielle Bruno, Marisa Fetterman

Not in Attendance: Chiji Akoma (sabbatical leave), Farid Zamani, (medical leave) (NIA), Paul Pasles (NIA), Joyce Willens (NIA), Letizia Modena, Megan Copel, Mary Ann Cantrell, Ellie Garbade, Elizabeth Heurich, Kathleen Carden (NIA), Susan Mackey-Kallis (fellowship leave), Gerard Jones, Dennis Kuhn

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm.

- I. Minutes from the meeting of February 29, 2012 were approved.
- II. The committee welcomed Ms. Joan Lesovitz, Director of Instructional Technologies, as an invited speaker. Joan presented information on use trends of the Learning Management System (LMS) programs, WebCT and its replacement Blackboard, as well as additional programs that have been purchased and integrated with Blackboard to enhance instructional quality and promote online course development. She provided historical data analysis that showed increased usage of the LMS systems and, discussed different approaches to using the enhanced online resources by faculty for instructional advancement including the Mediasite lecture capture program. Joan also provided insight into system upgrades and additional resource programs that will be made available in the near future.
- III. Mike Pagano provided an update on the work of the sub-committee working on the "CATS Data Interpretation Guide. The sub-committee met on March 15 to discuss the general approach to producing this information guide and, how detailed the guide should be in order for faculty and administrators to understand influential factors that do have modest effects on evaluation scores. Craig Wheeland and Paul Bonfanti will prepare a draft of the "Guide" to share with the sub-committee at their next meeting on April 12.
- IV. The chair provided an update on the Task Force on Interdisciplinary Teaching. Potential members were contacted via email to solicit their participation. Several individuals have already committed. The chair will schedule a preliminary organizational meeting with those who have indicated an interest in serving on the Task Force prior to the end of the spring semester.
- V. The committee continued a discussion on the number of graduate course credits which can be taken by undergraduates that count toward the undergraduate degree for B.S./M.S. candidates which was previously

raised by Ed Kresch. Members shared information about other programs which have had problems in meeting the policy as stipulated by the Registrar's Office which has granted several exceptions to specific departments in light of their program structure and needs. Adele Lindenmeyr suggested that a representative from the Registrar's Office be invited to attend a future meeting to provide information on the policy and, to discuss a change in that policy so as to accommodate the broad needs of programs across campus and eliminate the need for special exemptions.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Russo

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)