

# Meeting of the Villanova University Academic Policy Committee

Tuesday, September 17, 2013  
Mendel Science Center, room 103, 10:00 am

## MINUTES

Present: Louise Russo (chair), Paul Pasles, Bob Styer, Wenhong Luo, Craig Wheeland, Lesley Perry, Kelly Welch, Joyce Willens, Susan Mackey-Kallis, JeanAnn Linney, Sridhar Santhanam, Paul Hanouna, Ken Kroos, Adele Lindenmeyr, Edwin Goff, Randy Weinstein, Mark Doorley, Catherine Warrick, Jerusha Conner, Joseph Brady, Jillian Ameral

Not in Attendance: Fayette Veverka, Mary Ann Cantrell (NIA), Wayne Bremser (NIA), Jutta Seibert (NIA), Lourdes Carrera-Ortiz, Laura Boisclair, Erin Connor, Patrick Tempera, Elizabeth Carbone, Caitlyn Sell, Brian Gallagher

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

Minutes from the meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> were reviewed and approved.

- I. The chair welcomed members to the first meeting of the new academic year. With new student membership, the meeting started with a roundtable introduction of all members.
- II. The first order of business was a follow-up on the CATS report language discussion that was the final major item on the spring 2013 agenda. The chair posed the question as to whether membership wants to continue to work on this issue as a primary agenda item for the 2013-2014 academic year. Though additional effort might yield a qualitative change to the reporting language in the form of elimination of quartiles or substitution of an alternate range that would perhaps be more meaningful for faculty development, discussion ensued as to whether this issue be pursued further or tabled and revisited after the APC has tackled other pressing issues. A motion to table the CATS report language change was made and unanimously approved.
- III. The chair asked Craig Wheeland, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, to provide an update on the organization of the Task Force on eLearning that is being chaired by Al Ortega, Associate Vice President for Research and Graduate Programs. Craig provided an overview of the charge for this committee and the anticipated membership to include faculty from across the University, students, and staff members from key offices including VITAL and UNIT. The committee is expected to begin work in fall 2013 and complete its charge in spring 2014.

IV. The committee discussed the Online BA for Adult Part-time Students Task Force Report that was posted on the Academic Affairs website. APC members had a number of questions about the report and Fr. Ellis' plan for implementation of resolutions based upon the work of the Task Force. The following issues were discussed:

- i. Will there be an official announcement from the VPAA's Office about final decisions and procedural plans for implementation of Task Force resolutions?
- ii. What will the final organizational structure be for oversight of the BA degree? Will the VPAA follow the recommendations of the Task Force to include the Dean of Liberals Arts and Sciences as a key administrator in curricular decisions?
- iii. Is it feasible to establish a College of Professional Studies similar to the former University College as the academic seat of the online BA for adult part-time students?

Members are concerned that faculty will be excluded from participation in roll-out of the curriculum and from oversight of online degree programs. Based upon APC membership being representative of faculty, students, and administrators members expressed the need for the APC to be an active participant in deliberations and decisions. As it is unclear how the VPAA will move forward with plans for roll-out of an online BA degree for adult part-time students, the chair will meet with Fr. Ellis to discuss APC concerns and to obtain some degree of clarity and present enhanced information at the October meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am

Respectfully submitted,  
Louise Russo

Members of APC: Louise Russo (chair), Wayne Bremser, Fayette Veverka, Robert Styer, Adele Lindenmeyr, Edwin Goff, Kelly Welch, Mary Ann Cantrell, Louise Fitzpatrick (represented by Lesley Perry), Joyce S. Willens, Wenhong Luo, Paul Pasles, Paul Hanouna, Kail Ellis (represented by Craig Wheeland), Jean Ann Linney, Gary Gabriele (represented by Randy Weinstein), Patrick Maggitti (represented by Dennis Kuhn), Catherine Warrick, Susan Mackey-Kallis, Mark Doorley, Sridhar Santhanam, Kenneth Kroos, Aaron Moore, Jutta Seibert, Lourdes Carrera-Ortiz, Joseph Brady, Laura Boisclair, Erin Connor, Patrick Tempera, Elizabeth Carbone, Caitlyn Sell, Brian Gallagher