
**ACADEMIC POLICY COUNCIL
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2006**



Absent: Caso, Eglsaer, Lewis (Ashorn attended), Plishker, Thorn

Visitor: Debbie Price

1. Approval of APC minutes of September 6, 2006. The minutes were approved as presented.
2. Council of Academic Deans minutes of August 23 and September 13, 2006. The minutes were reviewed.
3. Update on Review of Academic Policy Statements.
 - a. APS 930129—Enrollment in Thesis or Dissertation Courses. Dr. Muehsam will bring the policy back to APC at a future meeting.
 - b. APS 910116—Off-Campus Instruction. Dr. Hebert will bring the policy back to APC at a future meeting.
 - c. APS 940202—Payments to University Employees for Services. Dean Lewis will bring the policy back to APC at a future meeting.
 - d. APS 801014—Graduate Faculty Status. Dr. Debbie Price and Dr. Morris shared Faculty Senate concerns with the proposed changes to the referenced policy.
 - Creating a tiered system: full membership-doctoral, full membership-master's, and associate membership.
 - Automatic graduate faculty status for administrators. [According to Section 2.02.b, administrators do not have to satisfy the same criteria for full membership as faculty. It was recommended that Section 2.02.b. be deleted.]
 - Ability for Graduate Council to vote on graduate faculty status without knowledge of someone else's discipline. [Dr. Muehsam reminded members that the Graduate Council membership is made up of representatives from each college and members are appointed by the deans.]

Dr. Muehsam and Dr. Morris will make the changes and run them back through CAD and APC for a final review.

Reminder: APC is in the process of reviewing all Academic Policy Statements in an effort to ensure the policies are up to date and compliant with current legislation, Regents' Rules and Regulations, Coordinating Board guidelines, etc. The policies are being reviewed in the order in which they are listed in the numerical indices of the Academic Policy Manual, beginning with the Faculty Section.

When this process began, the intent was to review three policies at each meeting. However, some policies are requiring additional time for review. As soon as some of the policies currently under review are brought forward for action, new policies will be distributed for consideration.

4. APS 031103—Course Fees. Dr. Muehsam stated that Dr. Fernando Gomez had proposed some revisions to the referenced policy. The revisions represented excerpts from the Texas Education Code. The motion was made and seconded to endorse the policy with the proposed revisions. Passed unanimously.
5. APS 900417—Faculty Reappointment, Tenure, and Promotion. Dr. Muehsam indicated that Dr. Fernando Gomez had proposed some revisions to the referenced policy. The revisions represented excerpts from The Texas State University System Board of Regents *Rules and Regulations*. APC requested that the source of the excerpts be cited in the policy statement. The motion was made and seconded to endorse the policy with the proposed revisions. Passed unanimously.
6. Miscellaneous.
 - a. Town hall meetings. Dr. Payne reminded members of the two series of town hall meetings being held during the month of October. One series will address the Quality Enhancement Plan and the other will address the 120-hour rule. Members were encouraged to attend and to urge employees in their administrative areas to attend.
 - b. Scholarship application. Dr. Young announced that the scholarship application will be online.

Dorothy Roberson
Recorder