

STANDING COMMITTEES

ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE (APC)

APC MINUTES—FEB 10, 2021

Present: Crowley, Gilliland, Grace, Jayawickreme, Kulkarni, Perumbilly, Petrie (chair)

- Discussed prospective proposal from Student Policy Committee to extend course availability period in Blackboard to accommodate students seeking to access their work after the end of the semester (for grade appeals, course incompletes, etc.).
 - Possible unintended consequences:
 - Open courses from old semester show on student BB dashboards in new semester and may cause confusion;
 - Extending BB availability might open the door to late work submissions, additional grade appeals, complaints, etc.;
 - Extending BB availability would not address problem of student work submitted via license-based platforms with expiration dates (e.g. those used for online labs);
 - Doesn't solve the problem for courses taught in past semesters by adjuncts no longer present in current semester
 - Questions:
 - Is it possible for a course to be opened in BB for just one student, rather than for the entire class?
 - Larger issue: How can we provide students with access to their own submitted course work in an online course environment, for whatever purpose, and for longer periods of time?
- Continued work on presentation plan for P&T focus group report and recommendations.
 - Petrie will ask Exec Comm for clarification of committee's charge: to report on focus groups, or to report and make recommendations?
 - Committee charged with pondering additional recommendations to those in current draft.
 - Committee charged with double checking draft summary of focus group results against focus group notes and recollections.