

STANDING COMMITTEES

Academic Policy Committee (APC)

Minutes of Academic Policy Committee
Wednesday, November 8, 2023
12:10pm – 1:38pm Online via TEAMS meeting

The attending committee members: Sarah Benes; Owen Biesel; Maria Diamantis (co-chair); Rex Gilliland; John Nwangwu; Sebastian Perumbilly; Melanie Uribe (Co-chair); Jia Yu, Gregory Adams.

The committee was called to order by Co-Chair Melanie at 12:15 pm.

The following Agenda items were discussed –
Impact of AI on Academic Misconduct –

1. Melanie reported that from her meeting with Trudy M. and Colleen B. (Academic Affairs) there is no real detection of AI plagiarism. Colleen Bielitz will be a guest on the APC on November 29th.
2. Rex – even though there is no perfect detection, there are some software that can be used as evidence in Academic misconduct, plagiarism cases. There should be a way for us to make a recommendation and therefore write a statement to present.
3. Committee will be connecting with Library, IT and Computer Science experts to continue research.
4. Academic Integrity – Student Integrity statement should not use only one item to prove AI plagiarism.
5. Suggestion that faculty provide a statement on their syllabus specifically on student assignments. Remind faculty that there is a statement on AI for syllabi already available in the Faculty Development website.
6. Another suggestion was that faculty use a variety of evaluations, one of which can be in classroom exams or writing assignments. “Think outside the Box” for student evaluations.’
7. AI detection in assisting plagiarism cases, without interfering with Academic freedom.

There are events being offered, example of such is the Mentoring Circle on Jan 11th - the University Forum.

The committee agreed that we should present a statement to the FS to share with all Faculty.

Review of P&T reform project such as:

- Create guidelines and models for expected content of DEC and Dept Chair letters of evaluation.
- (Re)institute with FS oversight the Departmental Guidelines

The committee discussed the two items above but didn’t take action at this time – will continue discussion.

Bookstore Issues

~ No further updates were discussed at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 1:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Diamantis, APC co-chair