

Meeting of the Villanova University Academic Policy Committee

Friday, January 29, 2016

Fedigan room, SAC

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

MINUTES

Present: Taylor Grosjean, Wenhong Luo, Wen Mao, John Olson, Paul Pasles, Louise Russo (chair), Jutta Seibert, Joshua Thomas, Ariel Thompson, Randy Weinstein, Craig Wheeland, Joyce Willens

Not in Attendance: Wayne Bremser, Danai Chasaki, Jerusha Conner, Alice Dailey (NIA), Mark Doorley, Caitlin Florin, Paul Hanouna (NIA), Nancy Sharts-Hopko (NIA), Ken Kroos, Michael Lamb, Susan Mackey-Kallis (NIA), Joseph Orkwiszewski, Christine Palus (NIA), Lesley Perry, Rodrigo Rivero, Bobby Roenitz, Catherine Warrick, Kelly Welch (NIA)

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am

- I. The chair asked Paul Pasles, chair of the Online CATS sub-committee, to provide an update. The committee had its initial meeting with OPIR representatives to discuss history of online CATS (currently completed for ~10% of course sections) at Villanova and how the office anticipates roll-out of the process for 100% of course sections. OPIR is working with UNIT on technical issues, including infrastructure concerns such as platform compatibility, which are not incorporated in the designated work of the sub-committee. Early deliberations with UNIT indicates that the institution prefers to create and process online CATS fully in-house as opposed to outsourcing to a third party vendor. Early sub-committee deliberations focused on how to facilitate strong student response numbers which may include approaches to complete CATS in-class. At present the institution prepares ~3,000 CATS packets for 2,300 course sections. Response rates at other institutions with fully online capability range from ~50 to 85%.
- II. The chair updated members on the work of the Core Curriculum Sub-Committee. The group, which includes the following APC members: Louise Russo (sub-committee chair, CLAS representative), Randy Weinstein (ENG representative), Lesley Perry (NUR representative), Mark Doorley (CLAS representative), and Robert Styer (CLAS representative) and non-APC members Melinda German (VSB representative) and special invited participants Marylu Hill, Mark Graham, and Sally Scholz, have continued to work on a report that provides a context for the current *de facto* core and begins to highlight the possibilities of a true core. The sub-committee has several meetings planned in early spring semester and expects to have a report ready for full APC review by late March.
- III. The chair also updated members on the progress of the sub-committee focused on adjunct faculty evaluation. Membership of this working group includes: Louise Russo (sub-committee chair and APC representative), Nancy Sharts-Hopko (APC

representative), Mark Doorley (APC representative), Sandra Kearney (College of Professional Studies representative), Joseph Orkwiszewski (APC CLAS Dean's representative), Joseph Micucci (FC adjunct faculty representative), and Michael McGoldrick (FC adjunct faculty representative). The group will meet soon to develop a plan to move forward with information gathering.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Russo

Members of APC: Wayne Bremser, Danai Chasaki, Jerusha Conner, Alice Dailey, Mark Doorley, Caitlin Florin (student representative), Pat Maggitti (represented by Craig Wheeland), Louise Fitzpatrick (represented by Lesley Perry), Gary Gabriele (represented by Randy Weinstein), Taylor Grosjean (student representative), Paul Hanouna, Ken Kroos, Michael Lamb (student representative), Adele Lindenmeyr (represented by Joseph Orkwiszewski), Susan Mackey-Kallis, Wenhong Luo, John Olson, Christine Palus, Paul Pasles, Rodrigo Rivero (student representative), Bobby Roenitz (student representative), Louise Russo (chair), Jutta Seibert, Nancy Sharts-Hopko, Joshua Thomas (grad student representative), Ariel Thompson (student representative), Catherine Warrick, Fayette Veverka, Kelly Welch, Joyce S. Willens, Daniel Wright (represented by Wen Mao)