

INSTITUTIONAL POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
October 19, 2012

PRESENT: Erica Bastress-Dukehart, Vice Chair; Michael Arnush, Barbara Black, Beau Breslin, Paul Calhoun, Michael Casey, Gail Cummings-Danson, Donald Duff, David Karp, Wendy Kercull, Riley Neugebauer, Denise Smith, Natalie Taylor, Matt Walsh, and Michael West.

ABSENT: President Philip A. Glotzbach, Chair; Mary Lou Bates, Rochelle Calhoun, Bill Duffy, Joe Stankovich, and Barbara Krause (Secretary).

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the October 5, 2012 meeting were approved as distributed.

2. Policy on Policies

- Barbara Black reported back from FEC that FEC supports the option of deliberation at a Faculty Meeting, culminating with the "sense of the faculty" regarding the approval of the policy.
- She also reported back on FEC's substantive review of the policy and brought forward the following question: What exactly did point 1b in the Policy mean with regard to other committees such as CEPP and CAS, and how would it affect their work?
- After some discussion of whether to clarify this in any way, Beau Breslin argued that the language should stay as is insofar as it made clear the primacy of the in resolving any disputes. It was then suggested that the document would benefit from the introduction in the preamble of some language that provides further explication of what motivated the policy in the first place, i.e., that policies are developed in a number of ways, some of which are outside the faculty governance structure.
- Matt Walsh echoed this noting that it wasn't clear what pathway students would follow in initiating/developing new policies or changing policies.
- The decision was reached to remove the parentheses in Point 1 to read: "...by the appropriate Cabinet members and, where appropriate, by the faculty and students within the context of shared governance."
- 2.D interpolate "fully reviewed," before "draft policy".
- P. 2, ciii revise to read as "the president" deems appropriate (not "he").

3. Space Planning Working Group

- Beau Breslin reported that in those cases where the academic program was "not" affected by decisions being made by the Space Planning Working Group, we could rely upon the faculty member on IPPC to serve as the faculty voice in those decisions. Barbara Black reported that FEC supported this approach.

- Denise Smith voiced concern about not having faculty members more directly involved in these conversations and noted, additionally, that this should be seen as similar to the ways in which we engage faculty with the budget and, therefore, why wouldn't we have a similar IPPC subcommittee in place for space?
- Michael Arnush suggested the addition of "program directors" to the bullet on top of page two of the memo.
- A recommendation was also made to change the second bullet on the page to read: "Make recommendations" rather than "Make decisions".
- Ultimately it was decided to table a decision and continue the conversation at the next meeting.