

Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee  
9/5/2014

Present: Tim Goodman, Ken Homer, Da'mon Andrews, Bob Brown, Lee Cheek  
Guests: Jordyn Nail, Jimmy Wedincamp

Absent: Carmine Palumbo, SGA President, SGA Vice President, Randy Carter

The minutes of the July 24, 2014 meeting of the Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee were approved as written.

Jimmy Wedincamp introduced a to use the ETS Biology Major Field Test as a graduation test for the BS in Biology. The test will not require a minimum score to graduation, but will be used to gather assessment data to compare EGSC graduates with other BS Biology graduates. The original proposal for the BS in Biology called for a nationally-standardized assessment test. The proposal to use the ETS Biology Major Field Test was approved.

A proposal was introduced from Dr. Palumbo, Dr. Brown, and Ms. Nail to change all of the learning support course numbers to fit the new USG learning support curriculum. The changes were approved to go into effect spring 2015. It was noted the advisement staff and faculty would need to be informed of the changes.

Dr. Brown introduced a proposal from the academic affairs staff to institute the new Required High School Curriculum changes in spring 2015 rather than waiting until they officially begin in fall 2015. It was noted the USG allows all institutions the option of beginning early after it was approved by the BOR at its August meeting. The proposal was approved.

An Introduction to Acting Course was introduced by the Humanities Division. The new course proposal as tabled until Dr. Palumbo or Mr. Verdis could attend.

Dr. Lee Cheek introduced a proposal from the academic affairs staff to institute the new Academic Renewal policy that was approved at the August meeting of the BOR. The APCC amended the proposal to change the time limit for academic renewal from 5 years absence to 3 years absent as allowed by the new policy. The proposal was approved after revision.

The Syllabus Template from the last meeting had been approved online mainly with corrections of the links. No other revisions will be coming in the near future.

A new promotion/tenure policy was approved by the BOR at the Augusta meeting. The new policy will require a few adjustments in our policy that was approved this year. The adjustments are administrative and will be made by Dr. Brasher. The current policy will be in use for this academic promotion/tenure cycle.

The next meeting of the APCC will be on Friday, October 3.

The Committee discussed the student membership of the Committee and recommended that the Faculty Senate change the membership to the SGA President only and remove the SGA Vice President from committee membership. The recommendation was approved.