

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TACOMA
Minutes
Faculty Assembly Academic Policy Committee (APC)
Tuesday, June 8, 2010
12:30-1:30 GWP 215

1. The minutes from May 11, 2010 were approved after revisions.

2. APC role in Student Appeals

Deirdre Raynor invited Larry Knopp and Beth Rushing, VCAA to discuss APC's role regarding two specific student appeals. Raynor referred to Ingrid Walker's email illustrating issues for these student appeals. The first was a petition for reinstatement. This particular appeal came to the Office for Undergraduate Administration (OUA).

A student is on academic probation for low scholarship. The second student appeal illustrates students who have excessive withdrawals. Students with excessive withdrawals will have a hold placed on their registration.

Raynor also reviewed the language approved from February regarding student appeals.¹

APC decided that program specific appeals would go to the student's program and that appeals regarding institutional requirements would go to APC. APC could consult with the student's program if that seemed appropriate. Miller Murray agreed to draft a graduation petition.

The current process for student appeals begins with the Admissions Committee. The Admissions Committee reviews the petitions for reinstatement. Bobbe Miller Murray, Director of Admissions and Registrar, explained the OUA is not an academic program. Beth Rushing explained according to the Code the Faculty Assembly APC should review student appeals like these two. Marcy Stein asked whether the APC should create an ad hoc committee to respond to student appeals. George Mobus asked how Bothell and Seattle handle these types of appeals. Miller Murray responded that pre majors are part of Arts and Sciences at Bothell.

APC discussed the role they have in reviewing student appeals after it goes to the Admissions Committee. Some APC members argued that a review of these appeals goes beyond the purview of APC's charge. Marcie Lazzari, Chair of Faculty Assembly, asked if it is possible to make OUA a program. Rushing responded UW Tacoma is not in a position to hire faculty and restructure its existing model. Marcy Stein asked whether a taskforce could advise on student appeals for the OUA. Charles Emlet noted that student appeals like these should come to APC, but eventually APC should address the existing non-program model. Emlet was concerned about the student's wellbeing in the process of

¹http://www.tacoma.washington.edu/faculty_assembly/standing_committees/source_docs/APC_020110.pdf

APC decided whether or not this committee was appropriate to handle students appeals like these.

APC members made some suggestions about their role and handling specific appeals. Tashiro suggested that the OUA sit in APC meetings so that APC members can make informed recommendations on student appeals. Larry Knopp suggested the OUA might handle the administrative part of a student appeal after APC has made a recommendation to the student.

Action: After this discussion APC decided to deny the student's appeal regarding academic probation for low scholarship.

3. Update on the open student appeal from last year

Miller Murray will check with the UW AG office about the UW Tacoma proposal to allow this student to take foreign language at UWT with a tuition waiver.

4. Ecological Restoration. The Ecological Restoration was sent to the APC list serve. No action was taken.

5. Writing Policy: The proposal was reviewed by every department. Tashiro sent the Nursing program's comments to Anne Beaufort.

3. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.