



ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY MINUTES

The sixth meeting of the Academic Policy Committee for AY 2022-23 was held in-person in Mendel 103 on Wednesday, April 19, 2023.

Present: Dr. Bridget Wadzuk (Chair), Dr. Craig Wheeland, Dr. Michelle McKay, Dr. Sherry Burrell, Dr. Lisa Sewell, Dr. Rachel Skrlac Lo, Dr. Kamran Javadizadeh, Dr. John Sedunov, Mr. Andrew Lund, JD, Dr. Christine Palus, Dr. David Shaffer, Dr. Greg Hoskins, Mr. Tom DeMarco, JD, Dr. Stephanie Katz, Dr. Paul Bernhardt, Dr. Wen Mao, Dr. Troy Shirangi, Dr. Qi Wang

- 1) Dr. Wadzuk opened the meeting. All were welcomed.
- 2) Update on CATS Study: presented by Dr. Jim Trainer, Associate Vice President and Executive Director, Office of Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness (OSPIE), and (via Zoom) Mr. Kenneth Tsang, Senior Research Analyst, OSPIE
 1. In working with APC subcommittee, OSPIE has had number of successes with (1) distance learning: revised questions that are helpful to faculty (2) reporting structure: make more meaningful to faculty (3) concern on qualitative questions: desire to revise questions due to personal attacks. Questions now focus on instruction.
 2. Currently working with APC on (1) replicating the Kiehl study from 2012 – forms are now confidential, not anonymous, which can append the data set and protect the identity of any individual responding. (2) Comments are now captured electronically, making studies statistical in nature (3) Now have ability to take data from last academic year and compare to this year to detect any differences.
 3. Prompts have changed and questions have vastly improved with students now addressing instruction and not the teacher.

Dr. Trainer looking forward to running analyses and continuing to work with the APC. Dr. Trainer and Mr. Tsang left the meeting.
- 3) Minutes up for approval. Amendment to add David Shaffer to attendee list for 2/28/23 APC

meeting. Motions made and seconded, minutes approved.

4) Wellness Day:

1. Tom DeMarco provided brief overview of SGA's proposal in 2022 to incorporate a mental health day as an excused absence. Proposal to include a statement in syllabi recognizing a wellness day alleviates the burden on the dean's office for each college.

Discussion ensued. Vote taken today to vote on concept with some minor tweaks. All were in favor, Law School abstained.

5) Academic Integrity Code Group:

1. BAAD recommends if student found responsible, they cannot WX unless they are doing so based on significant medical reason.

6) Annual wrap-up:

1. Dr. Alice Dailey will be updating Academic Integrity and ChatGPT over the summer. Ask for all to participate and answer her questions/polls, then review in the Fall.
2. Dr. Dailey is also working on new tutorial web page.

No other business. Dr. Wadzuk gave thanks to all.