

Academic Policy Committee Report to University Senate
August 14, 2018 (Governance Retreat)
Respectfully submitted by Rodica Cazacu, Chair

The first meeting of the Academic Policy Committee was held at the 2018 Governance Retreat at Rock Eagle on August 14, 2018. Eleven members attended the meeting while two were absent. The following items were addressed during this meeting:

1. The officers of APC, elected at the Organizational Meeting for Senate Committees on April 27, 2018, were introduced. Officers are as follows: Rodica Cazacu, Chair; Lyndall Muschell, Vice Chair; Sarah Handwerker, Secretary.
2. Committee members agreed to meet in Atkinson 305 for 2018-2019 academic year meetings. Bryan Marshall will reserve the room.
3. The operating procedures from 2017-18 were approved for use in 2018-19 “In terms of SOP, the committee agreed to keep meetings rather informal, except for votes on policies. APC is composed of 13 members, so there will need to be 7 members present to establish a quorum. To conduct committee business. Other SOP items of committee agreement were to bring up agenda items early; to be respectful of when meetings begin and end; to require approval of extended time at regularly scheduled end of an APC meeting; require consensus before new items for discussion are brought to the attention of ECUS; and when possible, to invite guests to clarify information related to committee discussions.”
4. The 2017-18 Annual Report was reviewed and some recommendations were discussed:
 - Continue watching the implementation of the existing policy on midterm feedback for upper level courses.
 - Invite students to talk about their experience during these academic year semesters with respect to the midterm feedback.
 - Some suggestions were made about asking academic advisors to look for this feedback and possibly add a question to the SRIS.
5. We discussed about considering looking into plus/minus grades as a new business item for this academic year.