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**University Policy Committee Meeting**

**August 8, 2017 @ 2:00 p.m.**

**Browning Conference Room**

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**Minutes**

**Attendees:** Mitch Robinson, Sherryl Byrd, Rex Gandy, Stephen Dominy, Derek van der Merwe, Barry Jones, and McCartney Andrews (minutes)

**Absent:** Frank Burns

**1. Approval of minutes from the July 11, 2017 meeting**

Dominy made a motion to approve the university policy committee minutes from the July 11, 2017 meeting; Byrd seconded the motion. The committee approved the minutes.

**Old Business – Second Reading - Tabled:**

**2. Fees, Charges, Refund, and Fee Adjustments 1:021**

Gandy made a motion to approve the policy for second reading and send to the President for approval. Van der Merwe seconded the motion. Robinson opened the policy up for discussion.

Discussion:

Dannelle recommended not splitting out the two policies. The policy will be on the September Finance Committee agenda for approval.

Committee Vote:

The committee approved the policy for second reading and to be sent to the President for approval.

**Old Business – Second Reading - Revised:**

### **3. Policy on Access to and Use of campus Property and Facilities 1:019**

Dominy made a motion to approve the policy for second reading and send to the President for approval subject to confirmation with the Office of Legal Affairs to add staff to the policy. Van der Merwe seconded the motion. Robinson opened the policy up for discussion.

Discussion:

Policy will go to the Board for approval in September as well.

There was a question about the following section and whether this covers staff:

1. The University will not disinvite a speaker invited by a student, student organization, or faculty member because the speaker's anticipated speech may be considered offensive, unwise, immoral, indecent, disagreeable, conservative, liberal, traditional, radical, or wrong-headed by students, faculty, administrators, government officials, or members of the public.

The legislation is focusing on students and academic freedom. Need to ask Legal Affairs if we can add the term "staff" or how we can interpret it when it does not apply to staff. Can the term staff be added and still be compliance with the law? The committee will be notified of the decision on whether staff can be added or what implications can be without adding it.

Committee Vote:

The committee approved the policy for second reading and to be sent to the President for approval subject to confirmation with Office of Legal Affairs regarding adding the term "staff" to the policy.

### **4. Campus Facility Master Plan 1:026 (previously 4:005)**

This is being pulled from the agenda. McCartney will send an updated policy by the end of this week for approval that mirrors THEC's policy on the Master Plan. The revision will be sent via email for a vote.

Email vote for second reading of the policy was sent on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Committee approved revised policy for second reading and to be sent to President for approval.

### **5. Student Rights and Freedoms 3:001**

Van der Merwe made a motion to approve the policy for second reading and send to the President for approval. Dominy seconded the motion. Robinson opened the policy up for discussion.

Discussion:

The changes from the July meeting have been made to the policy statement and the section about in the classroom or on campus. Discussion was had about the time and place restrictions with the new legislation. Discussion was had about free speech in the classroom and on campus based on what the policy covers.

Committee Vote:

The committee approved the policy for second reading and to be sent to the President for approval.

## **New Business**

### **6. Policy Flow Chart Revised**

The academic side had two changes. Dean's Council has changed to Provost Council for policy approval. Academic Council has changed their name to University Curriculum Committee. Only curricular policies go to that committee.

Byrd motioned to accept the policy flow chart revisions and Gandy seconded. The committee approved the flow chart for second reading.

Email vote was sent for second reading of policy flow chart on August 10th. The committee approved the flow chart for second reading.

The meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.