
University Policy Committee Meeting

October 1, 2024 @ 3:30 p.m.

Browning Conference Room



Minutes

Attendees: Maria Cronley, Leonard Clemons, Osvaldo DiPaolo Harrison, Chris Jones, Kris Phillips, Shahrooz Roohparvar, Kathrine Bailey, Tucker Brown, Sherry Lawdermilt, April Williams (Minutes)

Absent(s): Corey Harkey, Gerald Harrison, Logan Sykes (SGA President)

Call to Order

1. Cronley called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

Approval of meeting minutes from September 3, 2024

2. Roohparvar moved to approve the minutes of the September 3rd meeting. Jones seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes of the September 3rd meeting passed unanimously.

Old Business:

3. 7:011 Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) (rescind – 2nd reading)

Jones moved to approve Policy 7:011 for the second reading and to move it to the President for approval. Roohparvar seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: The motion to approve Policy 7:011 for the second reading and to move it to the President for approval passed unanimously.

New Business:

4. 1:028 Accreditation (new - 1st reading)

Clemons moved to approve Policy 1:028 for the first reading and to move it the second reading. Jones seconded the motion.

Discussion: Brown shared that the development of Policy 1:028 is in response to state legislation, which requires institutions to update their policies and practices regarding accreditation procedures for programs offered by the institution. The Committee discussed including the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) in the policy upon review of the list of approved accreditors by the U.S. Department of Education.

Vote: The motion to approve Policy 1:028 for the first reading and to move it to the second reading passed unanimously.

5. 1:029 Generative Artificial Intelligence at APSU (new – 1st reading)

Roohparvar moved to approve Policy 1:029 for the first reading and to move it the second reading. DiPaolo Harrison seconded the motion.

Discussion: The Committee briefly discussed the appropriate policy division to assign the proposed policy. Lawdermilt shared that the AI Taskforce drafted Policy 1:029 to align with a mandate by the state to adopt a policy regarding the use of artificial intelligence technology by students, faculty, and staff for instructional and assignment purposes. Lawdermilt further shared that the Strategic Technology Solutions division of the Tennessee Department of Finance & Administration manages the state's information systems and has a Generative AI policy.

Bailey shared that the AI Taskforce, comprised of faculty and staff, worked to ensure broad input in the development of the policy. Bailey provided an overview of the policy appendix that includes relevant university policies and inquired about adding a reference to T.C.A. § 47-25-1105 (Elvis Act).

Vote: The motion to approve Policy 1:029 for the first reading and move it to the second reading passed unanimously.

Adjourn at 3:52 p.m.