

**VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY**  
**Academic Policy Committee**

**Report to the University Senate**  
**February 8, 2008**

To date in AY 2007-08, the Academic Policy Committee has focused on a number of significant issues:

- (1) Issues of advising, counseling, and learning centers (e.g., the Math center, the Writing Center) for summer students. The Committee investigated the availability of these resources for summer students.
- (2) Revisions to University policy concerning the awarding of multiple degrees. The VPAA Dr. Johannes brought a degree simplification plan to APC for consultation. APC's input is reflected in the revised degree scheme recently approved by the Deans, which allows for multiple degrees but requires that each degree reflect substantial non-overlapping coursework.
- (3) The draft University Events Policy. APC and the Committee on Faculty formed an ad-hoc committee to produce a faculty-designed policy for speakers and events on campus.
- (4) The draft University non-solicitation policy. APC reviewed this policy, which was formulated by the VPAA and the University Counsel.
- (5) The HERI survey. APC formulated one of the final questions on the HERI survey. APC's question asks about the impact of Villanova's Catholic and Augustinian identity on faculty members' teaching and research, as well as about faculty members' sense of belonging and community in the University.
- (6) Proposals from the Student Government to add another reading day to each semester. APC is currently exploring several proposals to enhance the academic environment at the end of the semester by affording students more time to review and prepare for final examinations.
- (7) Revisions of the Faculty Handbook. Together with the Committee on Faculty, APC is reviewing portions of the draft faculty handbook produced by the VPAA.

Other items on APC's agenda include the status of interdisciplinary programs in the University and the future of departments and other academic-administrative entities in the University.

Respectfully submitted,  
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