



## ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY MINUTES

The fifth meeting of the Academic Policy Committee for AY 2022-23 was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

**Present:** Dr. Bridget Wadzuk (Chair), Dr. Craig Wheeland, Dr. Sherry Burrell, Dr. Kamran Javadizadeh, Dr. Troy Shirangi, Dr. Mark Wilson, Dr. John Sedunov, Mr. Andrew Lund, JD, Jennifer O'Hare, Dr. Michael Risch, JD, Dr. Greg Hoskins, Mr. Tom DeMarco, JD, Dr. Stephanie Katz, Dr. Adele Lindenmeyr, Dr. Noelle Comolli, Dr. Rachel Skrlac Lo, Dr. Paul Bernhardt, Mr. Charles Matthew, Ms. Ceydy Jaramillo

- 1) Dr. Wadzuk opened the meeting. All were welcomed. Presentation and discussion on Race, Justice and Dialogue Course. Introductions made for presenters Dr. Terry Nance, Dr. Hibba Abugideiri, and Dr. Sherry Bowen.
  1. Dr. Nance noted Father Peter approved task force in 2020 following the George Floyd incident. One of eight goals for task force was creation of a race and justice course for all students. So far, the course has been designed and syllabus created. Foundations document has been created and has been revised as we move through a pilot stage.
  2. Dr. Abugideiri is the temporary Director of Race and Justice Dialogue Course (RJDC). Dr. Abugideiri has taught the RJDC several times as a history course. There are versions of the course being taught in VSB and CPS in Spring 2023. There are plans to offer 17 or 18 sections in 2023-2024. The RJDC's design is intended to be adaptive so colleges can make it their own. There is a common element that they expect to be part of every version of the RJDC.
  3. Dr. Sherry Bowen, Faculty Director of Catalog Program, noted by the end of Spring 2023, seven different sections will have been piloted over three colleges. Dr. Bowen explained how the dialog component of the course works.
  4. A Race and Justice Dialog Institute (RJDI) is occurring at end of May. The Institute prepares faculty to teach the course.
  5. The Provost and Council of Deans will meet this semester with Drs. Nance, Abugideiri, and Bowen to review the RJDC proposal and determine how the RJDC will be included in the curricula of colleges.
- 2) Minutes up for approval, motions made and seconded, minutes approved.

- 3) Approval of updated APC Protocol with adjustment for the requirements of the APC Chair:  
Based on survey of APC members, the Chair proposed the APC protocol be amended to require the rank of Associate or Full to serve as Chair of APC. The APC approved the proposal unanimously.
- 4) Wellness Day presented by Tom DeMarco: SGA submitted proposal of two wellness days, students want the wellness day(s) to be listed as a university-approved absence. Other included offering guidance to faculty as to how to include a wellness day(s) in their syllabi. Discussion of the proposal will continue.

Dr. Wadzuk gave thanks to all.