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Members Attending: James Mullooly (Chair), Nichole Walsh, Ahmad Borazan, Oscar Vega,

Aaron Stillmaker, Dave Goorahoo, (ASI), Bernadette Muscat (ex officio)

Excused: Kathi Rindahl, Hisham Ayman Qutob

A meeting of the Academic Policy & Planning Committee was called to order by Chair Mullooly on Thursday, at 2:06 PM., in ZOOM

1. Approval of the Agenda.

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2. Approval of Minutes for: 3/11/21

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3. Communications and Announcements:

-Plus/Minus Grading – Planned to resolve by end of semester.

-APM 203 (Special Majors) passed on Senate Floor on 3/15/21. Since we are not pursuing the

2017 changes suggested by ASG, we are done with this one (Jim)

-APM 215 (GE) advance warning (Removing MI and new Area F (Ethnic Studies) - fast track

-APM 218 (American Government) returning to us next week - fast track

4. New Business: AMP 237 (Assessable Materials) and 241 (Syllabus)

Agreed to rewrite 241 to align it properly with the syllabus template. Thus we will address

absence, no shows, “engagement” vs “attendance” and bereavement with these issues.

5. APM 232 (Absence policy)

Two items:

A. (from Registrar) New law protecting military related absences (already added).

B. (from UG Committee) Concern about the wide interpretations of “excused absence”. Possible solution: Create an absence guide sheet. Work from p-12 Ed Code or add a section on “prolonged absences”? Is the challenge disambiguating a random absence from a longer one? Or possibly improve the definition of excused absences and provide a guide sheet with examples of “serious and completing” excuses.

Chair agreed to draft a guide sheet. It might get placed in the “how to make a syllabus” link, next to the syllabus template link. (i.e., APM 241)

Adjourn 3:34 pm

**AP&P Agenda for 3/25/21**

**Start time: 2:0**

**Not in Attendance: Kathi,**

1. Approval of the Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes for: 3/18/21

3. Communications and Announcements:

4. AMP 218 (American Government)

5. AMP 215 (GE)

6. APM 232 (Absence policy)

7. APM 113 (Academic Organization)

8. APM 225 (Teacher Education Policy)

9. AMP 206 (Technology-mediated Courses)

10. AMP 237 (Assessable Materials) and 241 (Syllabus)

Adjournment