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## ARTICLE I: NAME OF ORGANIZATION

This body will be known as the Academic Policy Council of the University of Illinois Global Campus, hereinafter referred to as the APC.

## ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

Section 1. The APC shall seek to advance the academic interests of Global Campus faculty, students and staff, and the development and quality of Global Campus academic programs.

Section 2. The APC shall discharge the functions mandated by the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois and shall undertake such additional legislative and advisory functions concerning educational policy and other governance matters as are consistent with the *Statutes* of the University of Illinois.

## ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The APC membership shall consist of Global Campus faculty and other University of Illinois faculty representing each of the colleges/schools/units offering programs in partnership with Global Campus. APC membership shall also consist of faculty serving as program directors of Global Campus programs. APC membership shall also consist of students enrolled in Global Campus programs and Global Campus staff.

Section 2. The President ~~may~~ shall appoint **three** additional members, **chosen in consultation with University Senates Conference**, to the APC to assure the broad and diverse representation necessary to achieving the purpose of the APC.

Section 3. Numbers, eligibility requirements and selection procedures for all members are specified in the APC *Bylaws*.

Section 4. Faculty will serve three-year terms, students one-year terms, and staff three-year terms. Students may not serve for more than three consecutive terms.

Section 5. Members must be in attendance at an APC meeting to vote. Members will be considered to be in attendance when participating by videoconference, teleconference or other forms of simultaneous communication.

## ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1. Chair of the APC. The Chair shall be a faculty member whose selection shall be prescribed in the APC *Bylaws*. The Chair shall facilitate and oversee the work of the entire APC and shall oversee the operation of the Office of the APC. The Chair shall provide for regular transmittal of APC actions to appropriate officers and agencies. The Chair shall preside at APC meetings and shall chair Executive Committee meetings.

Section 2. Vice Chair of the APC. The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair in the performance of his/her responsibilities, and shall preside at APC meetings and chair the

Executive Committee in the absence of the Chair.

Section 3. Office of the APC. The Dean of Academic Affairs shall provide for an Office of the APC and for a Clerk of this Office.

Section 4. Executive Committee. The membership of the Executive Committee shall be specified in the APC *Bylaws*. The Executive Committee shall manage the business of the APC.

Section 5. Other Committees. The APC shall have such standing committees with duties and membership as described in the APC *Bylaws*, together with such *ad hoc* committees with duties and membership as the APC shall determine. The Chairperson of each standing committee shall be appointed to the APC, *ex officio* with vote.

#### **ARTICLE V: APC BYLAWS**

Section 1. For the purpose of implementing the provisions of this *Constitution* and to provide for the internal organization of the APC, the APC shall enact such bylaws as it deems necessary and proper, provided that they are consistent with this *Constitution* and the University *Statutes*.

Section 2. The *Bylaws* of the APC require a two-thirds vote of the APC to adopt or change.

#### **ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. The *Constitution* may be amended. A proposed amendment (hereinafter referred to as a proposal) shall be reported to the APC when initiated by an APC committee or by a group of at least five members. A proposal initiated by fewer than five members must obtain the support of an APC committee before being reported to the APC.

Section 2. A proposal shall be considered in three steps:

- a. Step 1. First, the proposal shall be introduced to the Executive Committee for initial discussion and possible referral to an appropriate APC committee. The Executive Committee shall review the proposal and shall prepare the form of the proposal together with its recommendation for presentation to the APC at a subsequent meeting for Step 2.
- b. Step 2. The Executive Committee shall present its version of the proposal to the APC and shall invite discussion and perfection by amendments(s). This meeting and any subsequent meeting(s) at which amendments to the proposal are accepted by the APC shall constitute Step 2.
- c. Step 3. At a meeting no earlier than fourteen calendar days following a Step 2 meeting, the APC may vote to adopt the proposal. If at this meeting any amendment to the proposal is accepted by the APC, the meeting must be considered a part of Step 2, and Step 3 must proceed as described above. Adoption of the proposal shall require a two-thirds majority. In accordance with the University *Statutes*, the amendment must be approved by the Board of Trustees of the University before it takes effect.

#### **ARTICLE VII: REVIEW**

Section 1. The APC may provide for a comprehensive review of its size, organization, structure and operation by a commission composed of faculty, staff, students and

administrative officials. The commission shall report its findings and make appropriate recommendations. The report of the commission shall be made public and distributed, as are other reports of the APC. The first report shall be submitted not later than three years after this *Constitution* is enacted.

**ARTICLE VIII: ENACTMENT**

The provisions of this *Constitution* shall become effective when approved by the University of Illinois Board of Trustees.