

Meeting of the Villanova University
Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee

Tuesday,

- a. Anecdotal evidence suggests that it is becoming increasingly difficult for university departments and programs to print items such as ~~charts~~, given restrictions on using, for example, the Villanova "V." What might be done to ~~ease the~~ ~~restrictions~~ and make it easier for these groups to use Villanova's name and marks
- b. Because all Villanova insignia are restricted, faculty often encounter difficulty getting business cards printed off campus. But there can be compelling reasons to do so for example, if a faculty member needs a bilingual business card with English on the front and another language on the back. Further, the current business cards are restricted to one design that has "Ignite Change, Go Nova" on the back, a slogan more appropriate to athletics than academics. How might Villanova faculty be offered more business card options or be authorized to have cards printed off campus?
- c. Faculty have frequent need of electronic letterhead, which the university does not currently provide. How would the use of homemade electronic letterhead be affected by the proposed policies, and how can authorized electronic letterhead be made available to faculty?
- d. As written, the policy prohibits mention of the university's name on any unauthorized social media account. This seems far too broad a policy. The committee suggested it be revised to encompass specific prohibitions.

4. Academic Integrity Section of Faculty Handbook

This is a policy revision that has gone through APC and is now awaiting approval by FRRC so that it can be included in an update to the Faculty Handbook. The committee offered a few minor recommendations that Dr. Wheeland will discuss with APC:

- a. The committee agreed that the description of course penalties should not suggest that the normal penalty is failure on the assignment, with failure of the course representing a "more severe" penalty. This language ~~characterize~~ ~~a failure~~ a student in the course as outside of the norm, which might dissuade faculty from doing so when such a penalty is warranted. The committee instead recommended that the description neutrally name failure on the assignment and failure in the course as two possible penalties for an academic integrity violation.
- b. One member of the committee thought the statement about Appeals (currently the first sentence under "Penalties and Appeals") should come later in the document, perhaps at the end of the "Penalties and Appeals" section.
- c. One member noted that faculty can sometimes be subject to harassment by students or parents in cases of academic integrity violations. It was suggested that a statement be added to the policy that allows faculty who have filed an academic integrity violation to refer subsequent communications from a student or parent to the dean.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05