

Committee:	Academic Policies and Services Committee (APSC)	
Chair:	Gayle Shay	
EC Liaison:	Leslie Hopkins	
To be concerned with new schools, new programs and new degrees. To consider policies regarding academic honors, leaves, grants, promotions, departmental and divisional chairmanships, programs abroad, the academic calendar, career planning and placement, Vanderbilt University Library, Information Services, the bookstore, and the University Press.		
Item	Charges	Due Dates
1.	<p>New:</p> <p>Committee should learn more about the Memoranda of Understanding that are being crafted to govern financial relationships between University Central and the Medical Center, with specific focus on how these may affect faculty research, teaching, and work environment.</p> <p>ACTIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact the General Counsel to determine which of these MoU can be shared with the faculty for reasons of confidentiality, and what would be helpful to that discussion. 2. If directed by General Counsel, contact other relevant parties to determine specifics for individual bodies of research in each school within the University. <p>OUTCOME:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As appropriate, report to the faculty as to how this financial relationship may or may not affect faculty research, teaching, and work environment. 	April 2017
2.	<p>New:</p> <p>Review proposed new degree programs. Continued work needed only if new degree programs are brought forth and to assure diversity, equity and inclusion for all new programs.</p> <p>ACTIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Invite Vice Chancellor Hill to attend a committee meeting to speak on this topic with members. 2. With the information from the vice chancellor, committee members will follow up on the proposed Undergraduate Business Minor in regards to policies for diversity, equity and inclusion. <p>OUTCOME:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Outline current policies for diversity, equity and inclusion for all new schools, programs and degrees. 	April 2018

3.	<p>Continue:</p> <p>Continued work needed only if new degree programs are brought forth.</p>	December 2016
4.	<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>Evaluate information technology and support. This charge is likely to be impacted significantly by the re-organization; completion of work on the charge will occur after legal close, spring 2016.</p> <p>ACTIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact Cynthia Cyrus, Vice Provost for Learning and Residential Affairs to discuss IT infrastructure particularly regarding Blackboard 2. Recommend in-depth analysis of IT infrastructure and support 3. Recommend a VIRG (Vanderbilt Institutional Research Group) survey be conducted early in AY 2016-2017 4. Recommend APS meet with VU IT leadership to discuss opportunities for improvement. <p>OUTCOME:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Document that identifies and documents significant issues related to technology and technology support due to the reorganization taking place and the potential impacts for faculty across the institution for the next 1-3 years. 2) Develop initial recommendations/plans to address significant issues within the document/summary of the findings. 	December 2016