

Academic Policies and Services Committee  
Vanderbilt University Senate  
Report for Academic Year 2011-2012  
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**Charges assigned at beginning of the year:**

1. Hold discussions with new director of OTTED (CTTC) and ask him how he will address concerns of the past.
2. Follow-up with Provost's Office on graduate task force task-list.
3. Review all new degree programs.
4. Consider professional training programs for new department chairs.
5. Evaluate new policy for faculty royalties.

**Work done:**

1. Hold discussions with new director of OTTED (CTTC) and ask him how he will address concerns of the past.

Assistant Vice Chancellor Alan Bentley, Director of CTTC , presented his vision for the future of CTTC to the APS committee. Highlights of his plan include establishment of a maturation fund, staff expansion, enhanced interaction with faculty, and increased outreach to the Vanderbilt community. Following this presentation, the APS committee unanimously agreed that it is pleased that the University has committed to improving and enhancing technology transfer and commercialization at Vanderbilt.

2. Follow-up with Provost's Office on graduate task force task-list.

As a follow up to the Task Force Report on Graduate Education, the Academic Policies and Services Committee met with administrative leaders in graduate education across Vanderbilt University in an effort to determine which recommendations have been implemented, which have been deemed not actionable and disregarded, and which have yet to be implemented and have the potential to significantly improve graduate education. Numerous actionable items were identified as likely to have a measureable impact on Graduate Education at Vanderbilt University. These recommendations were selected based on their feasibility, relatively low cost, and potential to positively impact graduate education. A document describing these recommendations was presented to the full Senate and a motion presented that "the Faculty Senate endorse the following recommendations and advises the Executive Committee to follow up on their implementation". This motion is currently under consideration.

3. Review all new degree programs.

No new degree programs were presented to APS this year.

4. Consider professional training programs for new department chairs.

To initiate the process of considering training programs for new department chairs, the APS committee invited Dr. John Penn, Vice Chair for Faculty Affairs. Dr. Penn currently organizes a similar training program for medical center leadership. The APS committee was very impressed with the presentation by Dr. Penn and all members of APS were unanimous in their belief that a similar program should be available for leaders across the entire University.

5. Evaluate new policy for faculty royalties.

The APS committee meets with Alan Bentley on April 30<sup>th</sup> to revisit this issue. At this time, there is no progress to report.

### **Recommendations for next year and beyond**

1. Launch an initiative to create a professional training program for new department chairs across the University.
2. Monitor progress on the task force recommendations presented by APS.
3. Evaluate faculty satisfaction with CTTC towards the end of the 2012-2013 academic year.