

Educational Policy Committee (EPC)  
January 25, 2012

Present: Professors CJ Koepp, Ted Lossowski, Tom Stiadle, Susan Tabrizi; Student Representative Jeremiah Miller '14; and Provost Cindy Speaker (chair)

The meeting began at 11:33 a.m.

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed back members of the Committee. Break stories were shared.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2011 meeting as corrected. Motion approved.

3. Update on Celebrating Scholarship and Engagement (CS&E) Days

Updates were provided by the coordinators for the February 7<sup>th</sup> Civil Rights & Liberties CS&E Day. The schedule for the day should be finalized later today. Concerns were expressed about the lack of response from faculty; the lack of appropriate venues on campus to engage the community in learning in such activities, and the time spent on organizing. Additional issues regarding the calendar were raised – loss of class time for multiple weeks in some cases, disruption to labs, increased difficulty maintaining continuity, loss of a prep day, effects on rapport development at the beginning of the semester, and why all in the spring. The Committee discussed issues of evaluation and assessment. Ideas included headcounts, information from class assignments, evaluations similar to those done for Activism Symposium in the past, and the use of Survey Monkey (asking what was attended, relevance, interesting, recommend to others, etc.).

The Committee reminded itself as to the intentions for the days – communal learning and sharing of scholarship. Questions were raised as to whether the effort can be sustained and if the effort is worth it. Workload and compensation issues were raised as was the availability and transparency of resources. The need for budget equity was articulated.

4. Discussion of Provost's Forums

The Committee briefly discussed the two Provost's Forums held in the last two months – the one on advising in December and the one on intersession last week. For issues of advising, it is important to determine what students expect, what they want, and what they need. Intersession issues of funding and timing were highlighted. The group will return to discussion of these issues as they pertain to educational policy.

5. Next Meeting

As a result of teaching schedule changes, the Committee needs to find a new meeting time. Discussion resulted in two possibilities: Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. or 9:30 a.m. It was left that the chair would be in touch via e-mail as to what time will work best.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Speaker, Provost and Dean of the College