

Educational Policy Committee (EPC)
October 2, 2013

Present: Professors Ted Lossowski, Lauren O'Neil, Susan Tabrizi; Student Representative Shane Puskar '14; and Provost Cindy Speaker

The meeting began at 10:30 a.m.

1. The Provost indicated that the Committee Chair was unable to attend due to illness.
2. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes from September 25, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.
3. The Committee discussed next steps for the document articulating Student Learning Goals, Institutional Responsibilities, and Institutional Core Values. A few minor editing changes were suggested. As according to the faculty parliamentarian the document does not require a vote of the faculty, it should be taken to the faculty under Reports so that comments can be given. Provost Speaker will make the changes and send the document with the request to be on the faculty agenda. As the report is given, the faculty should be reminded of the context that led EPC to revising the catalog material which this document would replace.
4. The Committee continued its discussion on an improved class schedule. Considerable time was spent on discussion of the purpose behind including a common/open time in the schedule. It will be important that the purpose of such a time is clearly articulated to the campus community and that it implemented monitored to ensure that it is not being abused. As for the timing of such a common time, members agreed that it should be on Wednesday (Wells Wednesday). Concerns with Mondays and Fridays were discussed in the context of the campus culture. The Committee spent some time discussing the value and/or concerns with having a class period scheduled following the common time.
5. Homework for next week – For those so inclined rework a proposed schedule in light of the conversation regarding the common time.

The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

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