

Educational Policy Committee (EPC)
October 10, 2018

Present: Professors Desmond Cummins, Laura McClusky, Katie Waugh (chair), Student Representative Adrianna Tarleton '19, and Provost Cindy Speaker

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

1. Minutes

Minutes from the October 3, 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Academic Calendar Discussion

The Committee discussed the staff feedback it received to the draft fall calendar it circulated. It also discussed the placement of fall break and the timing of mid-semester grades. Having made corrections to some errors, members of the Committee agreed that the revised proposed calendar should be taken to the next Faculty Meeting for approval. The Committee discussed briefly the spring schedule and agreed not to pursue changes to it at this time as this academic year is the first one in which the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday falls after classes have started.

3. Assessment Discussion

It was clear from feedback from some faculty in the spring that not everyone was aware of the Globe's Assessment page. The Committee agreed that the page needs to be updated, fixing dead links and making changes so that it is easier to navigate and find what you are looking for or could gain from the content. The Committee discussed briefly the Chair's Summary Document that had been shared. In thinking about the Committee's role in guiding the assessment process, how can the Committee provide the best support and feedback to faculty? We know there is a need for a certain amount of consistency while at the same time a need for flexibility.

4. Next Week's Meeting

Homework for next week is to spend more time reviewing the Summary Document and be prepared to discuss priorities for assessment reports and how to provide feedback. The Chair indicated that she would work on the Assessment Globe page.

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

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