

Educational Policy Committee (EPC)  
October 18, 2017

Present: Professors Desmond Cummins, Laura McClusky, Katie Waugh (chair), and Provost Cindy Speaker

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

1. Minutes from 10.11.17 – approved as corrected.
2. Discussion of Academic Calendar – The members shared their findings of the review they conducted on peer institutions in New York State. The Committee discussed various options of a calendar with consideration of preference to beginning classes on a Monday, a week-long mid-semester break, a partial or full week break at Thanksgiving, and a preferred end date for the fall semester. The Committee reviewed the current Faculty Manual language on final exam regulations. As homework for next week, members are asked to talk with their colleagues regarding finals week (including the possibility of weekend exams) and grading period needs. As discussion of the fall semester schedule continues, members should keep in mind what the current spring schedule looks like and consider if changes are necessary there.
3. The Chair noted that if the Committee wants to have closure on the Faculty Manual items previously discussed this semester (e.g., A+ grading, P/F deadline) that notices of motions would need to be presented at the November Faculty Meeting.
4. Concerns were expressed regarding the absence of our student member. The Chair indicated that she would reach out again.

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

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