

Educational Policy Committee (EPC)

February 18, 2015

Present: Professor Susan Wansor; Student Representative Leslie Green '17; Provost Cindy Speaker

Absent: Professor Niamh O'Leary, Professor Linda Lohn (Chair)

The meeting began at 3:10 pm.

1. Approval of 2-11-15 minutes was postponed until the following week so all present members would be approve.
2. Academic Calendar
 - Discussion continued around how the Spring calendar should be changed to make accommodate MLK Jr. Day, and whether the Fall calendar requires adjustments as well.
 - Susan mentioned that issues of what holidays should be honored were brought up in the Social Sciences Division meeting
 - Issues about matching our calendar with Cornell's were discussed, including: overlapping commencements and lack of accommodations in the area, doing so would extend the semester past Memorial Day which creates difficulties for summer employment opportunities and does not allow staff the opportunity to have a weekend off.
 - Reasoning behind the decision to move up the start of the Spring semester was discussed. So many student athletes are already back on campus that not much is saved on the cost of operating the campus. Additionally, most students do not participate in January internships and getting students re-engaged after such a long break was difficult.
3. Pass/Fail and Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
 - The Director of Academic Advising and Success has pointed out many inconsistencies between regulations that the Faculty Manual delineates and how what is actually practiced.
 - Leslie also noted that the form says that no courses for the minor may be taken P/F, although the policy is that a 100 level class in the minor may be taken P/F.
4. Nicole Pellegrino, Michael Lindberg, and Megan Riedl are currently working on combining and restructuring SC 111, Lifelong Wellness, and the Learning Strategies course. This will come to EPC for comments before being sent to Curriculum Committee.
 - Leslie expressed that incorporation of Experiential Learning and Career Services, specifically resume and cover letter building skills would be very beneficial.

Meeting adjourned at 3:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Green