

Educational Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes 2/12/14

Committee Members in Attendance: Dr. Cindy Speaker, Provost and Dean of the College; Professor Linda Lohn, committee chair; Professors Lauren O'Neil, Susan Tabrizi and Ted Lossowski; Student representative Shane Puskar.

Minutes of the 1/29/14 meeting were approved.

Agenda

1. Discussion of Curriculum Committee feedback on proposed course schedule.
2. Discussion of the AY 14-15 schedule.
3. Report on the meeting of the academic affairs committee of the BOT.

Discussion

1. The committee discussed the feedback provided by curriculum committee concerning the proposed course schedule. The concerns were:

Curriculum Committee Feedback on Schedule Draft:

1. Concerns about conflict with Wednesday afternoon seminar time and practice.
2. Liked the Wednesday common time.
3. Would like to see another day with common time scheduled.
4. Why is athletic practice time privileged?
5. Suggestion to get rid of the "goofy" start times and use more regular times (such as on the hour, half hour, quarter hour)
6. Do we really think students will register for a 7-9:50pm class on Friday night?
7. Suggestion to have a regular lunch time built in for students which could also be used for lunch time talks (suggestion made to coordinate with dining hall).
8. Current draft doesn't allow Science Colloquium to continue as it has.
9. Would like to see a visual presentation with the times overlapping (sort of a week at a glance approach).

The concerns raised by numbers 1 and 4 were discussed when drafting the proposed schedule. The Wednesday afternoon seminar/laboratory block was intended to be used by those students without sports conflicts. For example, the Wednesday laboratory block would be offered if a course also had a Monday lab section in which athletes could enroll.

The concerns raised by numbers 3, 7, and 8 were relieved by moving the MWF afternoon seminar/laboratory block to 1:30-4:20. This creates a common lunch time

every day as well as opening the possibility of scheduling science colloquium on Friday from 12:05-1:30.

The concern of "goofy" start times was discussed, however moving all class blocks to begin on the hour, quarter hour, or half hour would create gaps in the schedule and would decrease the number of class blocks in a day (concern #5).

The Friday evening 7-9:50 class time was removed (concern #6).

Concern number 9 was taken under advisement and Laurie Turo is currently working on a week-at-a-glance view of the new schedule.

In regards to the new course schedule, a notice of motion will be presented at the March faculty meeting to change the faculty meeting time which is currently listed in the Faculty manual.

2. The committee discussed the AY 14-15 academic schedule in regards to the scheduling of the Celebrate Scholarship and Engagement days. The discussion centered on the attendance of faculty and students at the CS&E events, which has been poor. Prof. Tabrizi made a motion to replace the CS&E days with a CS&E series, in which events would be held throughout the academic year during the new common time. This motion was passed by the committee. EPC will continue to discuss the CS&E series to provide more clarity on what the series will entail.
3. Prof. Tabrizi reported that the meeting of the academic affairs committee of the BOT included a good discussion with the faculty representatives present. The BOT indicated that the faculty should continue working hard on the changes that have been proposed since August.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren O'Neil

Secretary Pro Tempore