

## Educational Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes 9/18/13

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

Minutes from the 9/11/13 meeting were approved with one correction (Item 2 – '150 minutes per week')

### Agenda

1. Evaluation of parentheticals on learning goals document
2. Evaluation of course schedules produced by committee members

### Discussion

1. The committee discussed the new 'content' and 'essential skills' sections of the learning goals document that includes bullet points, which replace the parenthetical comments that existed previously. Prof. Tabrizi will edit the bullet points to reflect the committee's discussion, including consistent language, and the committee will work over the course of the week to create the new document.
2. Discussion of the course schedules prepared by committee members – Prof. Lossowski expressed concerns about the number of 3-hour course blocks available. Prof. Lohn shared her proposed course schedule, which included the addition of 75-minute blocks as regular offerings on MWF. Provost Speaker provided an analysis of the usage of the course periods in the fall 2013 semester:

34 classes MWF 50-minute block  
45 classes T/Th 75-minute block  
48 classes 3-hour blocks (10 in NMS, 8 in arts)

Prof. Lohn asked for information regarding current student enrollment in the different course blocks to gauge interest in 50-minute, 75-minute and 3-hour classes. The conversation will continue in the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren O'Neil  
Secretary Pro Tempore