

Educational Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes 4/17/13

Committee Members Present: Dr. Cindy Speaker, Provost and Dean of the College: Professors Lohn, Lossowski, Stiadle and Tabrizi; Student Member Jeremiah Miller

The meeting began at 10:35.

Minutes from the April 3, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved.

1. The committee continued discussion about timing for CS&E days for the 2013-2014 academic year. Members observed that the CS&E day held 4/10/13 was relatively well attended, concluding that a mid-week schedule seems to be most successful in attracting participants. The committee decided to schedule the upcoming CS&E days for November 13, 2013 and April 9, 2014, both Wednesdays. An extra "Wednesday" will be added to the end of the fall semester on December 12 to make up for the Wednesday class time used for the CS&E day on November 13.
2. The committee discussed the issue of class absences and the extent to which a College policy is needed and, if so, what it might look like. Questions discussed included: How can we create a rule that balances academic and extracurricular life? Can/should we create a master calendar that lists known extra-curricular events so students and faculty can better plan? Is this a question that also relates back to the overall academic course schedule? How do we encourage student independence and ownership regarding choices in this area without putting students in untenable situations (how to support my team and my class work at the same time)? What are the benefits/problems associated with a College policy that delineates approved absences or number of absences? Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Tabrizi

Secretary pro tempore