

October 9, 2013
EPC Meeting Minutes

Committee members present: Dr. Cindy Speaker, Provost and Dean of the College; Professors Lohn (Committee Chairperson), Lossowski, O'Neil and Tabrizi; Student Representative, Shane Puskar

The meeting began at 10:30am.

Minutes from the October 2 meeting approved.

1. Discussion of the faculty meeting review of the College learning goals document. The committee reviewed comments and suggestions offered at the faculty meeting including rephrasing the first sentence, adding the concept of numeracy into fundamental literacies and the fact that discipline specific references are not included. The committee agreed that each member will review the first sentence and offer suggestions for revision. With regard to numeracy and discipline specific references, the committee agreed that the document is designed to offer statements applicable to all epistemological approaches, disciplines and fields of study. One minor edit to the document was agreed upon: striking the word "being" from the sentence that begins: "When students graduate they leave as being".
2. Discussion of revision to daily schedule. Discussion of the extent to which students would use a common time as intended. The committee agreed that a common time would be used for meetings, lectures, events, etc., and that including it would require a deliberate implementation plan. One common time on Wednesdays seems to be the best choice. The committee discussed the scheduling options brought forth by members, continuing to debate concerns about increasing choices for students, conflicting classes and achieving faculty and student buy-in. A suggestion was made to use the courses scheduled for Spring 2014 to construct a sample of how the new schedule will work. Professor O'Neil will look at the NMS division schedule and bring an assessment of how the templates being considered might work with lab offerings. Discussion of the schedule revision will continue.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Tabrizi
Secretary Pro Tempore