

Educational Policy Committee

September 12, 2018

Present: Provost Cindy Speaker; Professors Desmond Cummins, Laura McClusky, and Katie Waugh; Student Representative Adrianna Tarleton ('19).

Meeting began at 4:34pm

1. Minutes approved as presented.
2. Review of priorities for Fall Calendar drafts:
 - a. The committee reviewed feedback from the Dean of Students, who requests shorter orientation for new students, and more faculty involvement in that orientation
 - b. The committee considered approaches to acknowledging major religious holidays, national holidays (Labor Day), and other days of national importance (9/11 remembrance and Voting Day). It was decided that an advisory calendar should be distributed, to ensure faculty are aware of important dates for which students may have religious priorities.
 - c. The committee discussed preferences for day-of-week start day, length of winter break, and pacing of breaks during semester.
3. The committee shared calendar options, revising proposals to formulate two options to share with the faculty.
4. The committee chose to solicit feedback from faculty via online distribution. The Chair will distribute an online survey, and will invite faculty to submit constructive feedback on the two options selected. This feedback will be collected in a spreadsheet and shared with members of the committee.
5. At next week's meeting the faculty will review position requests, and return to faculty calendar feedback during the September 26th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Waugh