

EPC minutes

10/11/17

In attendance: Provost Speaker, Professors Cummins, McClusky and Waugh

Absent: Anna Vargas

Meeting called to order at 4:03

1. Minutes of 10/4/17 corrected and approved.
2. Discussed McClusky's upcoming report to the BoT
3. In light of Provost Speaker's presentation of information on retention and enrollment at that day's Faculty Meeting, the committee discussed the difficulty in having a curriculum that balances the tensions between maintaining academic integrity and attracting students while having a limited number of faculty.
4. The Committee also discussed the role EPC might have in recent Curriculum Committee's (CC) work on determining the process by which minors are reviewed. EPC may request a joint meeting with CC to discuss this issue.
5. The Committee returned to the work of reviewing the Academic Calendar in light of Student Life concerns that there are too many days for Orientation. They would prefer to have only 2 days rather than the current schedule of 4 days. In essence, they would prefer students arrive on campus Friday night or Saturday morning, and that classes begin on Monday.

The committee discussed several possible schedules, and benefits and drawbacks to these schedules.

6. The Committee will return to this issue next week with the homework of researching other private institutions in New York State. Desmond will look at Hobart and William Smith, Bard, Vassar and Marist. Katie will look at Keuka, Cazenovia and Hamilton. Laura will look at Colgate, Daemen and Canisius. Cindy will look at Hartwick and Hamilton.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura J. McClusky