

Educational Policy Committee

October 3, 2018

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

Meeting Convened at 4:30

1. Reviewed draft of Sep. 26 minutes; corrections were suggested
2. Reviewed feedback regarding Academic Calendar:
 - a. Overwhelming preference for "Option A," however some shared concerns that neither option offered Labor Day.
 - b. Reflection on shifting priorities taking place in Dean of Students' office
 - c. Discussion of the nature of Pre-Semester Advising (for first-year students and seniors), and possible alternatives for our current practices. The committee determined that these practices align more closely with the purview of ASAA.
 - d. The Committee chose to solicit feedback from non-faculty members of ASAA and Student Life. The Chair will reach out to them.
3. Discussion of Failed Faculty Search Policy:
 - a. Review of Advisory Committee's proposed policy, with edits made to align it more closely with current faculty position review procedures (which includes a role for EPC). This proposed policy would require search committee chairs to submit a report to be reviewed by the Provost, Advisory Committee, and EPC.
 - b. In recognition of changes to Faculty Search Procedures currently underway, EPC will wait until new procedures are in place so that this Failed Search policy may be aligned within that framework.
4. Brief Discussion of Homework for upcoming Assessment Work:
 - a. Read Chair's "Assessment Summary," posted on Moodle
 - b. Review current Assessment Guidelines on Globe; consider effectiveness, etc (Chair will provide a draft of updates via email).

Adjourned, 5:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Waugh