

Educational Policies Committee Minutes
September 19, 2011
Ballantine Hall 004, 10:00AM - 11:30AM

- I. Introductions
- II. Items for the Fall Agenda
 - A. Online Course Evaluations
 - 1. In April the EPC approved a statement on online course evaluations, but held off on formulating a policy until the evaluation committees had made more progress.
 - 2. This year there may be a request for the EPC to pass a resolution affirming that online evaluations will be mandatory, but currently there is no movement on this issue pending notice from the evaluation committees or the BFC Executive Committee.
 - B. Peer Evaluations
 - 1. The EPC is waiting to hear from the office of the VPFAA, although it is possible that it could draft a definition of peer review.
 - C. Class Scheduling
 - 1. There is a desire on the part of the administration for more Friday and more morning classes.
 - 2. Interim Registrar McConahay answered in the affirmative to an inquiry as to whether there was data on class scheduling broken down by school and department, but committee members observed that it was necessary to make sure that these were “real” classes and not just discussion sections. The registrar will make data available to the committee at a meeting this Fall.
 - D. Course Tracking
 - 1. Should courses which were taken online be marked on a transcript as such?
 - E. Admissions Essay
 - 1. The Vice Provost for Enrollment Management will come to talk to the Committee about admissions.
 - 2. Padraic will draft a statement about an admissions essay task force, to be presented to the BFC after the EPC approves it.
 - F. Other Possible Topics
 - 1. Online Evaluations Task Force Report
 - 2. Assessment Task Force report
 - 3. General Education Report
 - 4. International Student Issues
- III. FLAG EAS (Presented by Kurt Zorn, Mark McConahay and Jim Murray)
 - A. Brief History of the Development of FLAG EAS
 - B. Objectives of the Early Warning System
 - C. Relationship of FLAG EAS with the Early Evaluation System
 - D. Questions from the Committee

1. EPC members discussed aspects of the new program with AVPUE Zorn in anticipation of two meetings scheduled for September 20th, namely the Steering Committee on the Performance Rosters system, and the BFC. Of particular interest to the committee was the question of faculty input in the design of the new system.