

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Council
October 14, 2014

Members present: Kim Gainer, Laura Jacobsen, Jerry Kopf (chair), Susan Schoppelrey

Members absent: Vince Hazleton, Carter Turner

Guests: Jason Davis, Rhett Herman

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.
2. The minutes for October 7, 2014, were approved.
3. The council discussed the two calendar-related motions coming out of the University Executive Council, one designating Labor Day as a holiday, the other creating a one-day fall break followed by a Reading Day that could be used to prepare for midterm examinations.
 - Dr. Kopf reported that there was sentiment in favor of providing midterm grades for all students, and that the fall break motion reflected that sentiment.
 - Dr. Davis stated that there would be a negative impact on biology labs if two Mondays were removed from the fall schedule.
 - Dr. Herman stated that there would be a negative impact on physics labs if two Mondays were removed from the fall schedule.
 - Dr. Schoppelrey stated that there would be a negative impact on courses meeting once a week on Monday if two Mondays were removed from the fall schedule.
 - The council requested that Dr. Kopf contact the UEC and ask it to “hit the pause button” to allow time for consideration of the academic impact of the two motions.
 - The council agreed that if the issue of a fall break is returned to the Faculty Issues Committee, the FIC should be charged with bringing forward a motion that (a) proposes specific calendar changes and (b) takes into account the academic impact of any changes.
4. The council discussed the fact that the current IG Document does not consistently reflect changes in college names and the creation or discontinuation of programs and positions. The omission of the Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Assessment from the Academic Program Review Committee was mentioned as a case in point. The council agreed that the Council for Review of University Policies should be charged with identifying language that can be updated without making substantive changes to the document. (The CRUP consists of the Faculty Senate Secretary, the most recent former Faculty Senate Secretary, the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, the most recent former Faculty Senate Secretary, and the Executive Assistant to the Provost.) Dr. Gainer will draw up a motion to that effect.
5. The council discussed the formation of IG committees. Dr. Gainer was directed to check on the status of two committees that will need to be convened shortly.
6. The council discussed the importance of faculty involvement in identifying programs that will receive increased funding or augmented resources. Dr. Kopf stated that language on

the list of solutions that he has circulated may serve as the foundation of a motion. The council agreed to continue the discussion at its next meeting.

7. The meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.