

Academic Affairs Minutes
November 8th

Members present: Janice Buelow, Chair, Lesley Baker, Peggy Daniels Lee, Marianne Wokeck, Suzann Lupton, Marquita Walker, Chalmer, Thompson; Ex Officio – Mary Beth Myers, Kathy Johnson

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision/action item
Oncourse Project Site		Please note that an Oncourse project site is set up – I just haven't put everybody in it yet. You will be able to access all materials from that site.
Academic Calendar	The committee was asked to approve the academic calendar for 2014. The fall start date needed to be moved to a start date one week later than originally proposed. This caused the end dates to run into over the holiday. Mary Beth Myer reported that the fall start date of classes cannot occur earlier because of scheduling conflicts with other programs. To address the concerns of the exam schedule and final grade schedule , she recommended that the fall exam schedule would run in the same manner as the spring exam schedule with the last final exam ending on Sunday and rather than Monday.	The committee studied her recommendations and approved two new recommendations. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That we change the fall 2014 calendar per report(attached) to begin on 8/25/2012, fall break, 10/20-21/2014, and final grades due 12/24/2014. 2. Change the fall final exam as of fall 2014 to compress to a week ending with Sunday (not Monday).
Report on Campus Policy Limits on Withdrawal	This topic was on last year's agenda and tabled until this year. There were some concerns about the effect on students.	This topic was tabled and I will request data from IMIR for our next meeting.
Report on UCAC Recommendations regarding changes to admission standards	New College admissions guidelines have been implemented that are more rigorous than in the past. There is significant concern that these new and higher admissions standards will affect campus diversity. Kathy Johnson stated that she would like to keep admissions broader with more "conditional admissions" utilizing the Summer	Jan Buelow will ask Gary Pike to provide data regarding the effect of the new standards on admissions and broken out by demographics.

	<p>Success Academy. We further discussed the use of SAT/ACT information for admissions --</p>	
<p>Calculations of GPAs and Grade Forgiveness Policies</p>	<p>We discussed the policies regarding the calculation of GPA's and grade forgiveness. It is not clear if these policies are being honored by all programs and whether we are changing the academic record to reflect the changes. Without knowledge of the actual policy it was hard to actually discuss.</p>	<p>Jan Buelow will find the policies for calculation of GPA's and grade forgiveness on the Oncourse Project site. Tabled until January.</p>
<p>Topics for future conversations</p>		<p>Technology Enhanced Learning Environment. Should we be proactive in this.</p>
<p>New Business? Request from student</p>	<p>A student sent a request that we change the fall break so that it would occur prior to Thanksgiving. She did provide good rationale.</p>	<p>Given the complexity of coming up with a viable schedule for 2014 we decided to not discuss at this time.</p>
<p>Next meeting</p>		<p>January 10, 2013, in UL 2115J</p>
<p>Addendum to these minutes</p>	<p>Explanation of Grade Forgiveness policy and its relation to the Student Service Initiative: Report from both Mary Beth Myer and Kathy Johnson:</p>	<p>The issue is that if we are moving toward shared services, we need to be mindful of the 'harmonization' of academic policies and procedures...and we should probably wait until it's more clear what will be happening at the system-wide level and whether there is sufficient flexibility for IUPUI to shift its policies. Our action item then is that we will table this and await more info regarding the SSI.</p>