

Faculty Assembly Executive Council Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2014

ASB-230

1000 AM-1200PM

Present: Emma Rainforth, Rebecca Root, Bonnie Blake, Susan Eisner, Ken McMurdy, Kim Lorber, Roark Atkinson, Susan Kurzmann, and Jonathan Lipkin

Absent:

Secretary: Dean Chen

Guests: Provost Beth Barnett, Professor Eric Karlin

1. Power-points presentation by the Provost on draft of Interim Schedule Modifications for 2015-2016: Getting feedback from the FAEC before presenting it at today's FA meeting.
 - a. This is an interim schedule change for 2015-2016 only, to address the concerns of the Middle States Commission for Higher Education (MSCHE). The interim modification is not preempting the works of TFAEE. Any changes in the future await the TFAEE report, which will occur in Spring 2015.
 - b. Classes will meet for the full 4-credit hours in 2015-2016, and faculty will continue to be on campus 3 days per week.
 - c. The CEC and Flex will be suspended during this one-year interim change. Faculty members can, however, opt for alternative learning experiences and not meet the full-in-class seat time (such as keeping a CEC-like or hybrid online option) if the alternative learning experiences are equivalent to the time they are substituting for, are linked to delivery of course learning outcomes, and are assessed. But such request should be decided by the respective Convening group and the Unit Dean.
 - d. Convening groups will need to plan for 2015-2016 scheduling in January 2015.
 - e. The implications of having classes on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays (MWR) were discussed, including the resulting change of Wednesday meeting times and the loss of faculty/student common hours.
 - f. Having Wednesday morning classes may also reduce students' drinking problems on Tuesday evenings.
 - g. Discussed how the change could enhance classroom utilization. Currently, classrooms are underutilized, at about 60 percent.