

SSC Meeting 2/18/19  
Minutes

Present – Robin Coulter, Joe Crivello, Jennifer Lease-Butts, Hedley Freake, Veronica Makowsky, Karen Bresciano, Greg Bouquot, Lauren Schlesselman, Maureen Armstrong, Jill Livingston, Thomas Long, Katrina Higgins, Jason Vokoun, Ashley Vrabely, and Srennidhi Nair.

Meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved unanimously with one abstention – Katrina Higgins.

Information Items:

A. Please think about individuals who might serve as SSC Chair in the next academic year. The Nominating Committee would be grateful for suggestions.

B. The Research and Experiential Learning Proposal and FAQ's: the subcommittee is making revisions in accordance with much helpful feedback and will present a revised proposal at the March 4<sup>th</sup> SSC meeting.

C. Additional Major Committee: Ashley reported that the committee is following a two-pronged approach of gathering data about best practices from other institutions and seeing if other regional accrediting agencies have a similar rule about a year of additional work for a second degree.

First order of business was the continued discussion of possible changes to final assessments. We discussed the strategy of how we present our proposal to the Senate and came to the following conclusions:

- We have scrapped our proposed change to the academic calendar because of vocal opposition at the senate meeting and in written feedback when it was proposed.
- We decided that the Registrar be given approval to determine when a class's final exam is offered on order to minimize bunching and conflicts. This means that MWF classes might have final exams on Tu/Th and vice versa.
- We decided to emphasize what is not permitted – using the existing language prohibiting final exams during the last week of classes, but avoiding a precise definition.

Veronica will write a detailed justification for the changes, emphasizing the increase in student anxiety as the primary reason for making these changes.

We then discussed and approved the grade appeal language previously prepared by Robin and Holly and decided to send the draft to the student government's Academic Affairs Committee via the student government president.

Veronica will be setting up a subcommittee about if (and if so, how) MOOCs will be evaluated for transfer credit. Members will include representatives from the SSC, the Senate C&C, the library, CETL, the Graduate School, and possibly others.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20.