

Arts and Sciences Chairs' Council Meeting Minutes 11/4/13

Present: Bruce Mattingly, Scott Anderson, Seth Asumah, David Barclay, Kathleen Burke, Peter Ducey, Andrew Fitz-Gibbon, Timothy Gerhard, Isa Jubran, Kathryn Kramer, Matthew Lessig, David Neal, Jerome O'Callaghan, Judith Ouellette, Gregory Phelan, Brice Smith, Henry Steck, , Paul van der Veur.

Absent: Herbert Haines, Randi Storch

Guest: Alexandru Balas

Announcements:

- Curriculog is on hold
- DegreeWorks is making good progress
- Curriculum: CCRC deadline is 1-15-2014
- The withdrawal deadline is coming soon

Topics Discussed:

- Sometimes an adjunct has a position at another SUNY – they are not subject to double DRL days.
- Thanksgiving Break: part-timers may choose Thanksgiving week for their DRL days. Part-timers should consult with the chair. Students exaggerate this. Thanksgiving policy has been mailed.
- Email idea raised at Admin. Conference – the question is should we house it off campus (ex. Microsoft or Gmail)?
- The Carol Van Der Karr email regarding a sample degree plan discussed. Also linked to SUNY mobility paths. The problem of students following the mobility path is that they can run into the 50% residency rule. There is a problem of some programs being over 126 credits if all requirements are counted fully. Carol V. expects a timeline per changes in those programs (to get to 126). Meanwhile, note the GE program may change.

Concerns Raised:

- What exactly happens when dorms “close” for the break? Are students actually allowed to stay in a “closed” dorm? Bruce will look into it.
- Pete Ducey: SUNY rules can be a problem for our program, so we will seek a waiver. It's worth fighting back on some transfer issues.

Dean's Office:

- Personnel: sabbatical leave requests – there were seventeen requests from A&S; three of the seventeen are full year. Bruce is working on these requests.

Other:

- Scott: let's blend fall break into Thanksgiving Break; make it a one week vacation.
- Josh Peluso requests a list of chairs who want the capacity of email increased – Bruce will send to Josh.
- Corey Hatch will be here this week to discuss OPEN SUNY. Check announcements.
- GE open meetings were just announced: November 11, 15, and 19, 2014.
- Remember the vital role played by A&S in GE.