

MINUTES
UW-Green Bay Campus Climate Committee

Present: January 18, 2005
Lucy Arendt
Illene Noppe 12:30 pm MAC C311
Mary Ann Rose
Georjeanna Wilson-Doenges
Grant Winslow

Excused: Bill Laatsch; Bob Skorczewski

Guest: Provost Sue Hammersmith

1. Provost Hammersmith opened the meeting with information regarding the proposed course scheduling change. She had met with Tim Sewall, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, and Mike Herrity, Registrar to determine if there were any logistical problems with the new schedule. The consensus was the schedule was very "doable" on our campus. Mike Herrity ran a simulation of classes and classrooms and thought that the new schedule would actually work better. He believed that the MW and WF courses would be appealing to faculty, it would open up the day and help to eliminate some of the "dead periods" we currently face. In addition, the 14 week semester had many advantages, especially in terms of having the ability to schedule finals prior to commencement.
2. The CCC discussed with the Provost what should be our next steps. After Illene's presentation to the Joint Unit Leaders meeting on January 20, 2005, we would invite feedback (both positive and negative); work on a proposal to send to the University Committee, who could then bring it forth to the Faculty Senate. Three issues that must be addressed in the proposal are a) longer class periods, b) semester length, and c) University Hours. We also may need to determine how the University Hours are sequenced.
3. Illene's presentation should focus on why the CCC has determined that changing the course schedule would enhance campus climate. In particular, we are interested in the University Hours as offering the campus time an opportunity to interact. Illene needs to also discuss the student learning outcome research conducted at Syracuse University that indicates no impact on undergraduate or graduate student learning. Illene will also make up a "fact sheet" for distribution. We will ask Unit Leaders to bring our ideas to all

members of their units (including classified staff). All feedback should be given by February 14, 2005 in order for there to be time to write the proposal for the University Committee.

4. Illene agreed to write an e-mail to all university administrative heads that explains the course scheduling proposal and directs them to our CCC website where the new schedule and the fact sheet will be posted.
5. Lucy presented an update on the Staff Survey, and asked the CCC what direction we would like Debbie Furlong to take in summarizing the data. We agreed that at present, Furlong could provide us with a brief summary of the data and a preliminary report. We will await the results from the parallel Faculty Survey before more in-depth data analysis is requested.
6. Finally, after all of that, the minutes of December 14, 2004 were approved.
7. With wishes for a good spring semester, and excitement about us "getting the ball rolling" we adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Hoppingly (and hopefully) submitted,

Illene Noppe, Chair