

Calendar Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 5, 2015

Start time: 3:30 End time: 4:30 PM

Location: Rawl 303

Purpose: Scheduled Meeting

Attendees:

Regular Members Present: Mark McCarthy, Ron Preston, Eban Bean, Jeanne Hoover, David Wilson-Okamura, and Jennifer Radloff.

Ex-officio Members Present: Amy Barber (for Angela Anderson), Margaret Pio, Stephanie Richards, Tracy Carpenter-Aeby, and Katie Swanner.

Guest Present: Lori Lee

Minutes of last meeting: Radloff moved to approve, Hoover seconded, and the motion was approved.

Update: At the last Faculty Senate meeting, Mark McCarthy presented the resolution that provided an amended fall calendar and Virginia Hardy then spoke in support of it. Faculty spoke against the resolution and voted unanimously to defeat the resolution.

Fall 2016 Calendar was discussed, with two options for Fall Break presented:

- (1) Week of Thanksgiving
- (2) Traditional October Fall Break

Katie Swanner noted that the East Carolinian gave a survey and there was support for a week of Thanksgiving Break. There was some opposition from freshman who get their first real chance to go home for an extended stay during the traditional fall break time. Another loss would possibly be fall conferences.

Suggestion was made to consider a week break at thanksgiving with a one-day break (on a Friday) at or near traditional Fall Break time (for example, 14 October for 2016). Doing so would extend exams from Thursday to Thursday. This does push the grade deadline back 4:30 pm on Saturday, 17 December.

There are a few minor changes noted for the suggest calendar, including removal of the old note for class resumption on the Wednesday after the old fall break and a change in census day.

There was a vote to approve the fall 2016 calendar with a one-day fall break and a week break at Thanksgiving. Angela Anderson will get processing dates for the calendar.

Andrew Morehead asked the calendar committee to consider adding an extra reading day to the calendar – a day that could be used as a make-up day for time lost due to the weather. There is particular concern over lab classes that are missed. The committee would like suggestions from those most impacted.

The meeting was adjourned.