

Minutes from Academic Policies Meeting on 1/6/12

In Attendance: Bonnie Adams, Myrna Gantner, Donna Haley, Michael Hopper, Rob Kilpatrick, David Leach, Ron Reigner, Ursula Thomas

I. Approved minutes from meeting on 10/20/11

II. Academic Calendar

- a. Committee discussed various options for a survey to be sent out to AllFac regarding changes to the UWG academic calendar. The principle objectives expressed were to lengthen time between classes to at least 15 minutes and to make MWF classes 55 instead of 52 minutes long.
- b. DH pointed out that graduation dates, as well as semester start and end dates, had already been published; this would make changing the length of the semester infeasible in the short term.
- c. It was suggested that starting classes at 7:30am instead of 8:00am might be a good way to accommodate slightly longer classes and allow for 15 minutes between classes. A consensus was reached that this would be a good option to include on a survey.
- d. RK moved that a survey be developed and distributed to AllFac. The survey would ask faculty to choose between the current spring 2012 schedule and the new schedule developed in committee.¹ The committee approved with unanimous consent.

¹ At the subsequent request of UWG Deans, a third option was later included on the survey distributed to AllFac. This option retained the 8:00am start time for classes but increased MWF class length to 55 minutes and allowed for 20 minutes between classes.