

AUC Academic Policies Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2020

PRESENT:

Mary Beth McKenzie, Pamela McCafferty, Sam Poole, Karina Bautista, Nerman Bayazit, John Crawley, Rachelle Dermer, Walter Jeffko, Amy Kendrick, Mathangi Krishnamurthy, Laurie Link, Monica Maldari, Irene Martyniuk, Abdel Mustafa, Ozge Ozay, Reid Parsons, Britton Snyder, Connie Strittmatter, Jiang Yu

ABSENT:

Sam Beauchamp, Bill Cummings

GUESTS: Laura Bayless, Michael Nosek, Alberto Cardelle

Meeting was convened at 3:30 p.m. by Laura Bayless with the first order of business to elect a chair, co-chair and secretary.

Walter Jeffko was unanimously selected as chair. Vote: 19-0-0

Samantha Poole was unanimously selected as co-chair. Vote: 19-0-0

Pam McCafferty was unanimously selected as secretary. Vote: 19-0-0

AUC 1:

Motion to Consider: Reid Parsons

Second: Connie Strittmatter

Dr. Alberto Cardelle spoke to the proposal. AUC Student Affairs Subcommittee previously made a friendly amendment to change the Columbus Day holiday to the Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day holiday. There was also a request to add a Reading Day to the fall 2022 calendar.

Discussion: Reading Day has historically been a party day and adding a Reading Day does not necessarily address lack of student preparedness. Is finals week still necessary?

The addition of a Reading Day came at the request of a contingency of faculty from AUCC. There are many programs that administer finals during finals week. The Reading Day allows for preparation in advance of finals.

For classes that are held on Friday, students have little time to prep for finals so the Reading Day is helpful.

From a student perspective, SPREE Day may have run its course once this senior class graduates.

Approved unanimously 19-0-0.

AUC 3:

Motion to Consider: Reid Parsons

Second: John Crawley

Dr. Alberto Cardelle spoke to the proposal.

Discussion: From the student perspective, have you considered adding a Reading Day prior to finals for Spring 2021? This would be beneficial to students.

Approved unanimously 19-0-0.

Motion to Adjourn: Jiang Yu

Second: John Crawley

Meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.