

AUC Academic Policies Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

10/8/24, 3:30 p.m.

Miller Oval

PRESENT:

Lynn D'Agostino, Daneen Deptula, Lena Ficco, Amy Kendrick, Eileen Kirk, Lori Leonard, Pam McCafferty, Aisling O'Connor, Andrea Olmstead, Ozge Ozay, Tim St. John, Justin Swaine, Collin Syfert, Daniel Welsh

ABSENT: Soumitra Basu, Mojdeh Bayat, Beverly Hollingsworth, Jane Huang, Connie Strittmatter, Samuel Tobin

GUESTS: Patricia Arend (AUC), Franca Barricelli

Meeting convened at 3:30 p.m. by Patricia Arend. By unanimous vote, Daneen Deptula was elected as chair and Aisling O'Connor was elected as vice-chair. Pam McCafferty will serve as secretary. The committee voted unanimously to conduct hybrid meetings.

Motion to Consider AUC 1: Tim St. John

Second: Eileen Kirk

Franca Barricelli spoke to the proposal which presents the AY26 and AY27 academic calendars. Adjustments to the calendars are indicated in red on the documents and are as follows:

- Shifting the Move-In Day back one day so as not to conflict with the campus-wide Welcome Address
- Eliminating the December Commencement effective Fall 2025
- Eliminating the Graduate May Commencement effective Spring 2026
- Moving the Deficiency Grade deadline to the Monday following Spring Break
- These adjustments are reflected in both calendars

Questions/Discussion:

- Will there be one commencement for both undergraduate and graduate and on the same day? Franca: This will be dependent on weather (i.e. there may be two ceremonies.)
- Friendly amendment to remove the time of the day from the May Commencement (i.e. 10:00 a.m.) since that is TBD. Motion: Daniel Welsh, second: Lori Leonard, unanimously approved.

- Combining into one ceremony could result in students leaving early due to the length. Franca: This is an opportunity to rethink the ceremony overall and with an eye to the duration of the ceremony.
- Why do residence halls close on the last day of finals? (This issue was raised last year as well.) This is stressful for students that have final(s) on that day. Students are not aware of the option of requesting an extension and per the website, there is a \$35 daily fee. Perhaps change move-out to 9pm on the same day. Franca will bring this to Matt Lechter.
- Deficient mid-term grade reporting: if moving to Monday after Spring Break, please open the reporting prior to Spring Break (e.g. the Thursday.)

Motion to Approve AUC 1 with the friendly amendment: Collin Syfert

Second: Lynn D'Agostino

Approved 14-0-0

Items from the Floor: None

Motion to Adjourn: Tim St. John

Second: Collin Syfert

Approved 14-0-0

Meeting concluded at 4:00 p.m.