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Dayton, Ohio

Minutes of the Student Academic Policies Committee of the Academic Senate

February 5, 2004 / 1:30 – 2:45 / St. Mary's Hall, Room 113B

PRESIDING: Adam Kocoloski

SENATORS PRESENT: Courte, Doyle, Gorton, Kocoloski, Moot

1. Final Exam Time Blocks: A revision to the time blocks for final exam week was presented that would allow evening classes to have 110 minute finals instead of the current 75 minute periods. The proposed test schedule also allows more time between the test periods, 25 minutes during the day and 10 minutes in the evening, as opposed to the present situation which allows 10 and 5 minutes, respectively. After some discussion it was decided that revisions would be necessary to accommodate all the possibilities for evening classes.
2. Last Day to Withdraw with a "W": The committee discussed possible changes to the current withdrawal policy, including moving the date earlier in the semester and indicating on transcripts whether a student who withdrew from a class was passing the class or not at the time of the withdrawal. It was decided that moving the date earlier in the semester would create instances in which a student would not have sufficient information to make a decision regarding withdrawal (i.e., a student might only have the results of one exam by that time). It was also decided that "Wp" and "Wf" were unnecessary and possibly harmful classifications to put on a transcript.
3. Student Evaluations: SAPC is approaching this issue from the perspective of determining the ideal way for students to provide meaningful, effective feedback to instructors with the goal of improving the classroom experience. It was agreed upon by the members present that the numerical portions of the evaluations are useless and/or meaningless for communicating feedback to the instructor about the course.

Meeting adjourned 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Adam Kocoloski