

Campus – Educational Policy and University Standards (EPUS) Committee Report

April 10, 2015 - *Mark R. Malone, Chair*

The campus EPUS committee did not convene this month as there were no new policies to review. We have just received a new policy to review:

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POLICY NUMBER: 400-001 Topic: Facilities

SUBJECT: Scheduling and Use of University Facilities and Physical Space

This policy should be reviewed in the coming month, but is currently awaiting a copy of a red lined version of the policy to show changes since its last revision in 2005.

As chair I have worked with Michele in reviewing the request to review the 16 week length of spring and fall semesters. A quick review of the rules of the Regents revealed that the length of spring and fall terms are required by the Regent rules:

“8.A.1 Calendar - The University of Colorado academic calendar shall provide for a fall semester and a spring semester of not less than 16 weeks each, except for the Health Sciences Center.”

<http://www.cu.edu/regents/laws-and-policies/regent-laws/article-8-calendar>

A request to change such a rule would have to be pursued by the Faculty Council not the UCCS faculty Assembly. Based on my experience, it would be unlikely that the Board of Regents would entertain a motion to shorten the spring and fall semesters.

This request did stimulate an interesting discussion in the Faculty Assembly Executive Committee meeting. As a result, the campus EPUS has been requested to explore other aspects of the fall term, particularly the two day break for Labor Day and the three day break for Thanksgiving. We will explore several aspects of the spring and fall calendar with a particular emphasis in determining if there is an interest in shortening the Labor Day break to one day and extending the Thanksgiving break to the entire week. This seems to be consistent with practice at other campuses.

System EPUS

System EPUS met in March to discuss changes to “**Policy 4: Organizations of Academic Units - 4.J: Policy and Procedures for Approving New Degree Programs**”. I was unable to attend this meeting and minutes have not yet been released. Suggested changes to this document will be discussed at our next meeting on April 24th.