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Faculty Assembly's
Educational Policy and Planning Committee (EPPC)
**MINUTES**
October 1, 2024 | 9:00 am
via Zoom

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**In attendance:** Chair, Wendy Bolyard, School of Public Affairs; Vice Chair, Jeff Knight, CLAS; Secretary, Jing Zhang, School of Business; Kodi Saylor, Library; Stephan Hartke, CLAS; Matthew Shea, College of Architecture and Planning.

1. **Call to Order**
   The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am.

2. **Approval of Minutes from September**
   Minutes for September will be voted on at the November meeting.

3. **Academic Transformation Working Groups**
   - Progress reports available here.
     - Reimagining the Core
     - Academic Program Viability
     - Workload Parity
     - Time Use and Scheduling

There was a discussion on the progress of the academic transformation working groups. Stephen, the new faculty co-facilitator for the time use group, shared updates on the progress reports and recommendations for improvements. The team discussed the recommendations from the time use and course scheduling report, with concerns raised about the feasibility of aligning breaks with school districts. Matt shared his concerns about the impact of an earlier fall break on student work and final reviews. Jing noted fall break during Thanksgiving is too late. Stephen mentioned that the consensus was that there were no major issues but many areas for small improvements. Stephen stated they would be presenting the workgroup's report and recommendations to various constituents, including faculty assembly.

The reports were uploaded to EPPC Microsoft Teams (link above). EPPC members were asked to review reports prior to the November meeting. Stephen would like feedback on the time use and course scheduling recommendations, particularly any that seem disruptive or have unintended consequences.

There was further discussion on the need for accountability and the importance of these groups' recommendations not being left on the shelf. The working groups intend to connect and align their recommendations, as the issues they are addressing are interconnected.

4. **Graduate Education**
Michael Kocet shared the Graduate Education Handbook with Sasha Breger Bush, chair of Faculty Assembly, with the intent of not distributing or sharing it further until it is vetted. The

vetting process is ongoing, with EPPC being one group to provide feedback. The document will be shared when it is received.

5. **Technology-Enabled (Digital) Surveillance Practices**
   - Canvas access / class monitoring
   - FCQs

FCQs continue being datamined. Faculty Assembly is still working on these issues.

6. **Other Business / Announcements**
The policy process, including new software and the policy equity review tool recently implemented without faculty input, were discussed as ongoing issues. Dr. will follow up to ensure faculty assembly feedback is incorporated into the policy process.

EPPC will also be asked to consider policy around microcredentials.

7. **Adjournment**
   Meeting ends 9:26 am.

Documents can be found in [Microsoft Teams](#).