

Academic Quality Committee Report

The Academic Quality Committee met on Thursday, February 6, 2020, in Cherry Hall 203. The meeting was called to order at 2:31.

Senator Attendees:

David Serafini, Chair

Jean Snavley

Heather Strode

Sara McCaslin

James Gray

Chris Groves

Laura Bohuski

Discussion was held regarding the stated changes to the academic calendar, specifically the 2020-2021 winter term. Senator McCaslin, as a member of the Calendar Committee, has agreed to be our liaison between the two. Senators expressed a desire to see statistics and data trends on winter enrollment, and look at the impact this change may have. Concerns were also raised regarding the W2 session and total number of instructional days. Finally, the Committee expressed a desire to see the 2021-2022 proposed calendar, once available, for consultation and input before it is published.

Senators McCaslin and Snavley will be representing this Committee on the CITL Online Teaching Standards working group providing faculty input. This group met on February 10, and feedback will be given at the next AQ meeting.

Senators Serafini, Bohuski, and SGA representative Shelby Robertson will serve as members of the ad hoc group with Faculty Welfare to discuss the Campus Free Speech Act passed by the General Assembly in 2019.

(The ad hoc group met on Monday, February 17, and discussion was held)

The Textbook Initiative Committee reached out to AQ for a representative. Senator Bohuski has agreed to do so (this was originally Senator Groves, but he is ineligible as he is participating in the pilot).

The date of the March meeting has not yet been set, but will be communicated to the SEC and the Senate.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Serafini, Chair