

Academic Affairs Committee—May 1, 2018

Present: Steve Saunders, David Freidenreich, Loren McClenahan, Dale Kocevski, Katie Donahue, Sam Scott, Adrienne Carmack, Beth Schiller, Russ Johnson, Jim Sloat

I. The minutes from the April 24, 2018 meeting were approved.

II. The following course proposals were approved:

- A. Education 2xx Current Policy Issues in US Education
- B. Education 2xx Dimensions of Educational Equity
- C. German 298 (exp, L) Environmental Humanities: Nature Philosophy's Roots

A discussion followed about the feedback given to departments on their submitted course proposals. It was confirmed that the concerns expressed in recent months about some proposals containing a light list of assignments were shared by the committee as a whole.

III. Report from the Subcommittee on Academic Schedule

Jim gave a summary of the work of the subcommittee. Two primary issues are being considered by the SAC: congestion of classes during the middle of the day/week, and the possibility of establishing a common hour. They are evaluating whether it might be possible to shift Tuesday/Thursday morning classes 30 minutes earlier. This would give allow a “common hour” from 11:45 to 13:00 on those two days. The SAC may present a concrete proposal along these lines to the AAC in the fall semester.

IV. Thoughts for next year

The AAC should ask the Athletic Advisory Committee to provide a list of the bus departure schedules (for competitions) for all teams. This schedule could be posted along with the (already posted) practice and game schedules.

Committee members were reminded that this was the last AAC meeting of the academic year. There will be no AAC meeting next Tuesday, because of the Student Award Ceremony.