

MINUTES: ACADEMIC POLICIES MEETING

August 27, 2014

Members present:

Vickie Geisler	Cheryl Brown
Kimberly Griffith	Mary Alice Varga
Tim Schroer	Shelly Elmas
Patrick Hadley	Jean Cook
Myrna Gantner	Susana Velez-Castrillon (Chair)
Julie Talbot	

- I. *ADULT LEARNING CONSORTIUM (ALC):*
 - a. Myrna Gantner briefly discussed the history of the ALC (federally funded program, came to UWG 6 years ago, makes returning to college easier). She discussed ways that an adult could obtain college credit for courses in which they have work experience in that course area – primarily the “portfolio assessment” and what is involved in both the creation and assessment of a portfolio. Dr. Gantner said that Criminology indicated that they have agreed to utilize portfolio assessment, and agreement from only one department on campus is needed in order for the Faculty Senate to endorse the ALC.

- II. *ACADEMIC CALENDAR:*
 - a. Victoria Geisler discussed our current academic calendar and our switch several years ago from a 16-week to a 15-week calendar. She mentioned that UWG has the fewest number of MWF classes out of the University System of Georgia, and for our MWF classes we aren’t meeting the full 15 weeks. Dr. Geisler brought up that Clayton State University utilizes a 15 week semester, followed by a 16th week of optional final exams. She will attempt to determine how it has worked for them (how many professors actually give finals, attendance at the finals, etc.). It was suggested that individual departments should decide whether each course must have a final, rather than leaving it up to individual professors.

- III. *MEETING TIMES:*

- a.* We considered having future meetings earlier in the afternoon, but several members had conflicts. Future meetings will be at 3:00pm on Fridays until further notice. (Dates were indicated via email by chairperson.)

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted by

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