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Date: 9/14/2017

Location: Bush 164

Attendees:

■ Josh Almond (Chair) ■ James Patrone (Sec.) ■ Mattea Garcia ■ Gloria Cook
■ Laura Pfister ■ Mario D' Amato ■ Emily Russell Robin Mateo
■ Jamey Ray Nancy Niles ■ Nick Houndonougbo Dan Chong
■ Andrew Phillips ■ Jonathan Harwell ■ Stephen Booker ■ Tiffany Griffin
■ Maribeth Huebner Mae Fitchett ■ Toni Holbrook

Special Session

Agenda/Discussion

1. New business
 - a. Discussion of academic calendar and effects of Irma
 - i. Financial Aid Considerations
 1. Need 30 weeks per year
 - a. 1 week has 1 day of instruction and final exams count
 - b. Should still meet regulation as we stand
 - ii. SACS
 1. No guidance on website
 2. Credit hours are serious based upon being tied to federal funding
 3. We have had credit hour justification issues before
 4. Institution have complete flexibility in defining engaged learning time
 - a. Difference between Carnegie hour (hour in actual seat) vs engaged learning time
 5. Will need to acquire sample modified syllabi
 - b. The issue is whether to enact contingency days vs flexibility make ups
 - i. 4 Different Options
 1. Faculty Individual Plans
 - a. Extra activities and/or blended
 2. Add Saturdays & Fridays
 3. Contingency Days
 4. Recapture Break Days
 - a. 2 days for fall break
 - b. 1 day for Thanksgiving
 - i. Option 1 works for majority of CLA – hard for science
 1. Provide child care for professors
 - ii. 2-4 do not help Holt classes
 5. Discussion focused around whether or not to cancel fall break and how this would affect students, faculty, and different divisions. Would it be more beneficial than going directly to Saturdays.

ii. The following motion was recommended and forwarded to EC

Adjourn Recommendation from Curriculum Committee (motioned J. Almond)

Recognizing that we need to add in three 50-minute classes and applied instructions and not seriously alter the current academic calendar and preserve the contingency days, we propose the following:

1. Cancel Fall Break to enact a normal Monday and Tuesday schedule (to address Mon and Tuesday classes and applied instruction).
2. Individual faculty will create extra opportunities for contact hours, blended activities, and other activities to make up for CLA and Holt classes.
3. Invoke optional Saturday sessions for applied instructions and any other contact for Weds, Thurs, Fri classes that may be needed at discretion for CLA classes.

DECISION: APPROVED (9-0-0)

2.

- a. Motion to adjourn