

Faculty Assembly Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2014

SC-136: 1200-1:30

Secretary: Dean Chen

1. FA President Emma Rainforth's report
 - a) Deans' survey results are released.
 - b) FAEC met with the Cabinet on 12/1/14 and discussed the following issues: shared governance, campus safety, sexual assaults.
 - c) President Rainforth is working with Eric Daffron and Michael Bitz on Luminis.
 - d) The report by the Task Force on Experiential Learning will be postponed until next spring.
 - e) Faculty conference for January 15, 2015: Gen Ed Task Force, TFAEE will be updating us on their progress.

2. President Peter Mercer's report
 - a) The College is worried about some of the unfortunate events that have happened recently: sexual assaults, racial tensions. Public safety got noise complaint from the Village this past weekend; students were getting out of control (climbing up the public safety vehicles, alcohol intoxication). The College needs to address these matters very seriously and to reexamine our values and culture.
 - b) The College has retained Stafford Associates, as well as former attorney general of New Jersey Anne Milgram as consultant to advise Ramapo on these issues. Recommendations will be provided.
 - c) Faculty members expressed their views regarding these events, and also discussed

5. TFAEE Progress Report #2 (Eric Karlin)

- a) Reviewed the charge of TFAEE and reported on data the TFAEE has reviewed.
- b) Discussed credit issues and scheduling/space issues

The change to the current credit system (CEP) in 2006 has allowed for greater flexibility as more students have taken minors or double minors. TFAEE is exploring ways to increase the % of students taking minors and double-majors.

The current structure results in more adjunct overload compared to other models considered here; a change to full 4 credit courses (3-3 load per faculty member) results in less adjunct overload than a change to 3 credit courses (4-3 course load per faculty member).