

Teaching and Learning Committee (Sept. 2009)

9/24/2009

Present: Chris Baer, Mary Beth Chaney, Jerry Haines (co-chair), Rosemary Nickerson, Tom Seward (co-chair)

Absent: Angie Auldridge, Tom Crawford, Terri-Lee Hall (associate member), Dawn Schoenenberger,

The minutes from the April meeting were reviewed and approved.

At the time of the April meeting the committee believed that the Contact to Credit Hour Policy was ready for presentation to the faculty at the May meeting. Nevertheless, several members of the committee shortly thereafter expressed their reservations by means of e-mails and therein made suggestions for possible revisions. It was decided that the presentation of our policy would have to be delayed until those suggestions could be discussed in the fall.

Jerry began the meeting by reviewing what had been accomplished up to this point with reference to the Contact to Credit Hour Policy for the benefit of our new member Mary Beth and to refresh the memory of other members. Thus the policy as revised in the April meeting was reviewed. Only one of the two committee members who had expressed reservations was present. After discussing her suggestions it was decided that item **1c** of the policy be revised to read: “the impact that an increase in the number of **contact hours** could have on the cost of the delivery of the program and /or course to both students and to the institution” (the changed words are in boldface). This section had previously referred to “**credits**”.

It was decided that the committee should spend one more meeting discussing this policy statement in order that the other committee member with concerns can explain his reservations and so these can be discussed appropriately.

The tentative dates for this academic year’s meetings were presented as follows:

Oct. 22, 2009
Nov. 12, 2009
Jan. 21, 2010
Feb. 25, 2010
Mar. 25, 2010
Apr. 22, 2010
May 13, 2010

Tom Seward