
The committee met four times during the fall semester and two times during the spring semester, anicipating one further meeting during the spring as well. Its chief business centered on calendar issues. The APC reconsidered and recommended changes in the Spring and Summer calendar for 1999 in order to accomodate time for a proposed 13-day intersession between the beginning of the year and the start of the spring semester. It considered and proposed the entire 1999-2000 academic year calendar, allotting time between the fall and spring semesters for an intersession. Furthermore, it recommended that Spring Break in 2001 be held the week beginning Monday, March 19, so that a bid to hold a National Conference on Undergraduate Research at UWM during Spring Break in 2001 could be made.

It received reports from and engaged in discussions with Vice Chancellor Ken Watters on classroom scheduling policy, Associate L&S Dean Tom O'Bryan on that school's intersession proposal, Beth Weckmueller on changes in add/drop/withdrawal procedures, and Terry Ruzicka on changes in the wording of the credit/no credit policy.

One subject that formed the topic of ongoing discussion was the timing of the spring semester including spring break, especially as it affects UWM personnel (both students and staff). On the one hand, the lack of agreement between UWM's spring break and those of the Milwaukee Public Schools and other local school districts may cause hardship for some UWM personnel with family members who have different calendars. On the other hand, some UWM personnel find it advantageous to have spring break fall in the middle of the semester. Likewise, while some personnel might prefer a longer break between the fall and spring semesters, others would prefer to begin the spring semester sooner in order to finish earlier in the spring. The committee made contacts with various people about the feasibility of conducting a survey about the needs and wishes of UWM personnel with regard to calendar matters, including George Baker, Secretary of the University, Margo Anderson, Chair of the University Committee, and Swarnjit Arora and Linda Hawkins of the Institute for Survey and Policy Research. The desirability and feasibility of conducting a well researched survey that would attempt to determine the impact of and wishes regarding the timing of the spring semester and spring break on UWM personnel is still under consideration at the time of this writing.

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