

**Curric Affairs Committee 11 Sept 2013 Agenda 8:30-9:30 am Reich 306 MINUTES**

1. no objections were raised to continuing Rainer Newberry as chairperson

2. no objections were raised to continuing R Newberry as CAC representative to (and chair of) Curric Review Committee

3. **We discussed a better meeting day/time and settled on 1 pm alternate Mondays when no fac senate meeting. (if at Reichardt) otherwise 1:15 pm at lower campus. Next meeting: 23 Sept at Reichardt (306?)**

4. No objections were raised to continuing Cindy Hardy at CAC repr to GERC

**5. The Wintermester problem**

**Faculty senate requires that each academic credit is compressed into no less than 3 days.**

**Consequently a 3-credit class requires 9 days.** The academic schedule has been changed (it started last year) such that spring semester begins before, not after, MLK day. This results in a very short time between the end of the "Winter Break Hard Closure" and the 1<sup>st</sup> day of classes for spring semester.

a. 2013-2014: 10 week days are available between Thurs 2 Jan and Weds 15 Jan (1<sup>st</sup> day of classes = Thurs, 16 Jan) The solution **we adopted last year** was that Wintermester 2013-14 is 9 days (meets Fac Senate minimums) and takes place 2-14 Jan. Wintermester students and faculty get one day break between the end of these intensely compressed classes and the start of the 'real' semester.

We put off what to do about subsequent years, which are even nastier.

b. 2014-2015 has 9 week days between 2 Jan and the first day of classes.

c. 2015-2016 has 8 week days between 4 Jan (end of Winter Break Hard Closure) and the first day of classes. ***Of the various solutions, holding class on at least one Saturday seemed least objectionable.***

***Adjourned....***