

Academic Quality Committee
Western Kentucky University

Report to Faculty Senate

Date: 25 November 2013

From: Alison Langdon, chair

Committee members in attendance: Yining Chen; Jill Cabrera; Alison Langdon; Tammera Race;
Mark Reeves; Freida Eggleton; Doug McElroy

The Academic Quality Committee met on 11 November 2013 with two matters to discuss.

- In September we had received an anonymous request from a faculty member to review the university's current add/drop deadline and the impact of students being able to add courses as late as Tuesday of the second week of classes. Freida Eggleton provided us with some preliminary data on the numbers of students adding one or more courses on the sixth class day of Fall 2013 (420 students total, including 23 graduate students). We asked Ms. Eggleton to generate some more specific data concerning the number of students who added an evening class (defined as 3:30 and thereafter) that meets one day per week on the final day for drop/add, as these are the cases that would create the most disruption. Ms. Eggleton will provide us with three years' of data for our next meeting.
- At the Nov. 4 Senate Executive Committee meeting the SEC asked Academic Quality to discuss the current student evaluation system and the possibility of changing some of the questions in the current instrument. After reviewing the history of the development of the current instrument and the various issues that arose, the AQC decided to identify 2-3 questions we deem most problematic and see if there are better questions to choose from within the cafeteria items.