

May Experience Subcommittee

Minutes, November 28, 2006

Present: John Batson (chair), Paula Gabbert, Bill Aarnes, Dennis Haney, Kat Lacey, Jeremy Cass, Mike Bressler, and John Armstrong

1. The chair distributed copies of a memo he had sent to Linda Sarratt. The memo suggests that Furman Administration give careful consideration to two issues:
 - A. That housing costs that students are charged during the May Semester can be eliminated or reduced in some way so as to make the May Experience more attractive to more students.
 - B. To ensure and find ways to enable seniors who wish to participate in May Experience courses to be allowed to do so after they graduate in May.
2. The subcommittee also discussed the unofficial draft of four concerns that will be forwarded to the ITF Steering Committee. They are: that the housing costs that students will be charged in the May term might be a disincentive to participate; that there might be financial compensation for May term faculty; that travel expenses will be prohibitively expensive for students; and that seniors be allowed to participate in the May Experience after May graduation.
3. The chair raised the possibility of a survey to determine student interest in the May Experience. The concern of the subcommittee is that projections for student enrollment in the May term are not based on empirical evidence and might be inaccurate.
4. The chair suggested mapping out a plan by mid-February for guidelines for Policies and Procedures.
5. The subcommittee discussed the possibility of additional surveys of faculty members to determine the number and nature of possible May Experience courses.
6. The subcommittee agreed to meet again on Thursday, December 7 at 10AM.