

C-FSC
Educational Policies and Faculty/Student Relations Committee

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REPORT

The committee and/or its members engaged in three efforts in recent weeks. In collaboration with CFSC Steering Committee Chair, Ethan Youngerman we sent correspondence to all C-Faculty regarding the adjusted spring break weekend schedules and offered strategies for communication and organization to ensure a reduction in student work during these periods.

We also met with our colleague Edward Kleinert in his role on the technology committee to discuss existing university plans for improving and supporting blended classroom environments into the fall of 2021. Committee member Noelle Molé Liston drafted a survey we hoped to send in collaboration with Clay Shirky and the Educational Technologies office. Our initial response from Vice Provost Shirky did not support an interest in collaborating on this survey. We are going to reach back out for more detailed information about their efforts to collect and understand the issues facing faculty working in blended classroom environments.

Finally, Committee Chair Scott Illingworth is working with an ad hoc group of performing arts faculty from Tisch and Steinhardt to advocate for unique resources needed to resume live performance and related curricular work in the Fall of 2021.

We continue to value the ideas, input, and concerns of faculty representatives about other matters that our committee might help to work on or advance.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Illingworth