

C-FSC Educational Policies and Faculty/Student Relations Committee

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REPORT

Since the original submission for our draft resolution regarding class scheduling for smaller language departments there have been various developments. As we consider the resolution at our March meeting we are seeking guidance from colleagues about whether it remains relevant, if friendly amendments are necessary based on future needs, or if broadening the scope beyond this particular challenge to other kinds of departments would be a more valuable effort. We look forward to the discussion.

Scott Illingworth and Larry Slater (C-FSC Chair) attended a meeting with MJ Knoll Finn's team last month. There was discussion about the University's desire to pilot a program to centralize and standardize efforts related to accommodations for religious observance. Members of our committee are interested in gathering a variety of questions/concerns to offer as this planning continues, particularly as it relates to non-traditional classes or learning environments.

We also discussed early planning to roll out NYUConnect to graduate departments. They are interested in ideas and feedback about how this tool might serve graduate programs differently or any tools that would be particularly beneficial. There is no current intent to require the use of this system by graduate programs.

We continue to engage with university level committees as they explore options and changes related to teaching evaluations.

We have been in conversation with the SSC about a potential joint meeting of our councils. While that seems unlikely this academic year, we will begin to look for options in the fall.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Illingworth