

Council of Chairs  
Oct. 1, 2013

Present: Amelia Harris, David Kendall, Robin Benke, Margie Tucker, John Adrian, Tom Costa, Sandy Huguenin, Rachel Tighe, Bryan Hoyt, Cathie Collins, Jeff Cantrell

Absent: Suzanne Adams-Ramsey, Alex Edwards

Mr. Huguenin distributed a draft of a core schedule for Summer College, saying the number of courses offered needs to be streamlined, and courses offered that students are most likely to take. Last summer over 130 sections were offered, many of them with low enrollment. If the number of sections is kept to 85-90 and a critical mass of students is enrolled, summer pay could be raised significantly for all faculty, whether full-time or adjunct.

Asked how summer classes count in an adjunct instructor's teaching load, Mr. Huguenin said the college is still trying to determine that. He believes it is counted as a calendar year instead of academic year.

Students can save 44 percent of the cost if taking a class during the summer because they do not pay fees, but if financial aid is used it reduces the amount of aid for the fall semester. Forty-nine percent of our students receive Pell Grants which cannot be used during the summer. The College has been working to increase scholarship money available for summer courses.

For the Oct. 15 meeting Mr. Huguenin invited the Department Chairs to suggest revisions to the core schedule. He will try to get confirmation on a flat pay rate, and the group will discuss online summer courses.