

Ad Hoc Winter Term Committee

Report for 2020-2021

2020 Members:

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Activities for Fall 2020:

The Winter Term Committee met with Dr. Stephens on August 28, 2020. The Provost went over the finer details of his plan for the Winter Term and posed the following questions to committee members:

1. Should there be a limit to the number of courses a student is able to take during the winter session?
2. How many courses should faculty be allowed to teach?
3. What should be the drop/add period during the Winter Term?

The Committee deliberated these questions and arrived at the following answers:

1. Students should be limited to taking only one course during the Winter session.
2. Faculty should be limited to teaching only one course, with the proviso that that course may, upon enrollment numbers, be extended to two sections of the same course, with compensation to equal teaching two different sections.
3. A two-day add/drop period for students.

The committee also expressed concerns that there should be some vetting of courses by chairs or deans, especially courses that had not yet been approved by the Curriculum Committee. We also suggested that interested faculty be required to take a Quality Matters course in order to be eligible to teach a Winter Term Course. Ultimately, neither of these suggestions were implemented by the Provost.

There were no further requests from the Provost, and so the Committee was not convened again.