

The following is a brief overview of the topics discussed at the recent lecturer town hall meeting on 2/10/16.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please let me know.

Amy Barone

Cheryl Glenn, cjg6@psu.edu, asked for feedback/thoughts on the development of an online Penn Statements. For those of you that are interested, a link to the Penn Statements 2016 site can be found at <https://sites.psu.edu/pennstatements2016/>.

Cheryl also asked instructors that enjoy teaching ENGL 202C to contact her.

The issue of students enrolling in the incorrect 202 was mentioned. The students should be encouraged to discuss their academic plans with their advisor.

An issue involving students missing continuing education courses in the evening because they are “required” to take an exam for another class was questioned. Professors are required to provide an alternate time for students to take the exam so they don’t miss the continuing education class. Let Bob Burkholder know if there are any issues.

Amy Barone shared that there will be a new common class meeting schedule that will be in effect for the Fall 2016 semester. The MWF 50-minute times will stay the same, but the TR 75-minute times will start at 9:05 a.m. The Common Hour is only recognized in the commonwealth campuses and does not affect UP class scheduling.

Amy also shared that with the new LionPATH system, room scheduling will now be done through an “Optimizer” program which is designed to locate rooms for courses in a more efficient/effective manner. Basically, she will have little control over the rooms that courses are scheduled in going forward. She is hopeful that she will be able to find replacement rooms for you, but uncertain of the availability.

Amy and Bob Burkholder showed how to access the Faculty Activity Insight System (FAIS) and announced that Faculty Activity Reports will now need to be generated from the system. They shared the sections that the lecturers will need to focus on in order to complete the report and how to print/save the report after it is generated. Amy will be sending further information out in the near future on how to complete the reports and the plan is to provide additional time prior to the deadline to allow lecturers time to enter information and ask questions for any issues/concerns they may encounter during the process.