

End of the Year Report for Academic Year 2025-2026

Educational Programs and Policies Committee

Executive Summary

The committee added two new members in December 2025, Dr. Jody Hey and Dr. Shreyasee Das; the latter was appointed the chair. The committee met four times over the Spring semester, addressing a range of academic policy and student success issues.

During the committee's January meeting, Dr. Dustin Kidd, Director of General Education, provided an overview of the reforms to the General Education program, with discussion around Quantitative Literacy, Environmental Literacy, and AI-related course structures across colleges.

The February and March meetings were devoted to two student-facing policy discussions. First, Vice Provost Dr. Jodi Levine Laufgraben presented the proposed revision to the Academic Residency Policy (reducing the requirement from "45 of the last 60 credits" to a minimum of 30 credits at Temple). Second, the committee deliberated on the potential impact of moving the last date to withdraw from the final day of classes to an earlier point in the semester, possibly Weeks 10-12, to better support student decision-making. Committee members also highlighted a set of related student-success concerns: the design, timing and efficacy of the Mid-Semester Rating Progress (MSRP) process, faculty familiarity with EAB-Navigate and concerns about its user interface which prompted a suggestion for dedicated training, and the efficacy of First Year Seminar/Experience courses on retention and the value of more intentional advising integration within them.

The fourth meeting in May included discussion of a proposed Dual Bachelor's Degree policy presented by Vice Provost Dr. Jodi Levine Laufgraben.

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