

Report of the Essex forum on October 18

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1. There were about 25 present.
2. The free hour was once again discussed. It is hoped that there would be established a college wide policy on a day and time for free hour. There was a willingness to change the day and times of free hour.
3. There was a concern that the non-smoking policy is not enforced. People are having to walk through the smoke to get to the buildings. The administration is currently considering creating a separate space for smoking.
4. Concern was once again expressed over the loss of video and DVD delivery and finding solutions to the problem. Suggestions were to decentralize and each department have their own copies, send the videos, DVDs through inter office mail, or have student workers pick up videos from the library.
5. There was a discussion of the pros and cons of approving the proposed policy on procedures when there are consensual relationships between employees and students
6. The next forum is on Wed. Nov. 15 in B214/215 (note: room change from the last forum) and the forum on Wed. Dec. 13 is in Lecture Hall J 137.