EPAG Minutes

Wednesday, October 22nd,  4:00 to 5:30

Campus Center 214

Aaron Brown, Kendrick Brown, Stephanie Ewbank, Pete Ferderer (Chair), Terri Fishel, Terry Krier, Carleton Macy, David Martyn, Kathy Murray, Jayne Niemi, Tom Varberg, Eric Wiertelak

1. The minutes from October 15th were approved.

2. Grants Committee meeting report by Pete: They discussed how the financial crisis is affecting grant funds. We know that Mellon is cutting back. The Sustainability Office is putting together grants, and there was discussion about sustainability and the curriculum.

3. Reminder: General Education application deadline is Monday, October 27th. Jayne will distribute the applications to the Subcommittees, and they should notify the faculty and Jayne of approvals by Monday, November 3rd.

4. Handbook revisions: We did more editing, particularly of allocations guidelines sections.

5. We considered a request from a faculty member that a course be approved both for internationalism and multiculturalism, and then have students choose which requirement it would fulfill. For the short-term, we decided to be consistent with the original rules and previous decisions. Therefore, the request was denied, and Pete will notify the faculty member. For the long-term, we want to flag this as an issue to talk through again in the future.

6. Faculty Addendum document: We looked at Kathy’s draft document, and offered comments and suggestions. We agreed to mull over what should be included in the addendum as broader service to the community.

7. The students and Terri Fishel departed, and Jane Rhodes joined us as we morphed into the Allocations Committee to consider strategic planning and a proposal for a hire without a national search.


Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Niemi, Registrar