EPAG Minutes - October 17, 2013
3:00 - 4:30 p.m., 303 Markim Hall
Present: June Ban, Kendrick Brown, Darcy Burgund, Merita Bushi, Terri Fishel, Geoff
Gorham, Ann Minnick, Jayne Niemi, Jaine Strauss, Joelle Vitiello (Chair), Harry Waters, Jr.

1. Approval of minutes - changed "personal" to "participatory" for SPOC. Minutes
   approved.
2. Report on SLPR Town Hall - Although the event was not well-attended, it was conveyed
   that this is not a controversial issue. Summary notes from the session were distributed. A
   Moodlegroups forum is open for faculty comment until Oct. 21st. Since this proposed
   change is not a change in bylaws there isn't a time constraint for submitting for the Faculty
   Meeting in Nov.
3. Continuation of calendar issues - Kendrick has talked with David Wheaton and is
   checking with Laurie Hamre regarding any costs and impacts for any calendar changes.
   Information on numbers of students in Study Away programs in January was shared. The
   number varies from zero in one year to 83 in another. Jayne provided numbers on
   internships in January as the numbers have gone up. We discussed the need for principles
   on which to build the calendar. We agreed on the following:
   - One week for fall break
   - Two study days before finals (Sat. for finals, but not Sunday)

No decision was reached on issues related to start and ending dates for each semester.
Remaining to be discussed are contact hours and rationale for the changes. The
expectation from accreditation agency is that we should have at least 42 contact hours
(ideally 45) and we are currently at 39-40. There will be a Student Town Hall on November
5th to allow students to discuss potential changes. Joelle encouraged folks to contribute
comments to the Google doc on calendar changes.

Summary reminders:
We are not meeting next week during fall break. Our next meeting is October 31.
Nov. 7 is the only other day we don’t meet in the Campus Center and we will meetin 303
Markim.
We will continue our conversation about the calendar document and look at when
semesters end and start. Start in January and ending in May may vary.
Questions for Classics review team need to be developed and posted. We need to get the
material to the review team by the end of next week.

Meeting adjourned at: 4:40 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by Terri Fishel, Library Director