

EPAG Minutes
December 9, 2010
11:30 to 1:00
Campus Center 214

Present: Kendrick Brown, Terri Fishel, Janet Folina, Gerbrand Hoogvliet, Taren Kingser, Terry Krier, Ann Minnick, Jayne Niemi, Patrick Schmidt, Chad Topaz, Tom Varberg (Chair)

1. Approval of minutes of Dec.2 - approved as circulated
2. Announcements

- a. Harry Waters, Jr. will join us in the spring
- b. Amy Damon has resubmitted a longer proposal
- c. Patrick reported on GERC proposal, and suggested that we commend members for their work, especially Pete. In the spring we need to suggest names for appointment to the Provost. Tom will be rep to GERC in the spring. An item for discussion is quantitative thinking.

3. CDP Discussion

We reviewed the CDP proposals and the draft paragraphs prepared by Tom and Kathy. Discussion about population health included the need for more detail, agreement on the appropriate term, and the relationship to concentrations. Ann will draft a statement for review for the CDP. Additional changes included deleting in the second paragraph, "allocations requests in which". Also need to delete the section that refers to spring 2010 in the CDP. Tom will post applications to the Moodle public forum for EPAG.

4. Call for allocations. The first meeting for allocations will be Tuesday, March 22, so the deadline will be Friday, March 4. Case managers will be assigned, and we typically have between 7-9 requests. Tom requested that anyone with suggestions for changes please send to Tom. In addition to March 22, we have an allocations meeting Tuesday, April 5, 11:30-1. Student members of EPAG don't attend the allocations meetings.

5. HMCS proposal

The Provost met with the Dept. chairs of American Studies and HMCS and while both were open to further discussion, this topic will require more conversations. The question of whether HMCS is a disciplinary department or interdisciplinary was of concern and the group wants to ensure that Media and Cultural Studies would remain interdisciplinary. There was also a review of the course offerings. Would MCS be able to sustain current offerings without a replacement for the retiring faculty member? A question was raised related to a course release that was supposed to support journalism, so Tom will review 2007 allocations memo to

confirm the intent of the memo. Tom will draft a letter outlining the list of concerns, especially the need to sustain a major with a smaller group of faculty.

Adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by Terri Fishel, Library Director