

EPAG Minutes

October 18, 2012

3:00-4:30 Campus Center

Zach Avre, Holly Barcus, Kendrick Brown, Terri Fishel, Janet Folina, Ezequiel Jimenez, Ann Minnick, Jayne Niemi, Sonita Sarker (Chair), Jaine Strauss, Chad Topaz, Joelle Vitiello, Harry Waters Jr.

1. Approval of minutes: The minutes from October 11th were approved. One question was arose was about student input on calendar issues. Jayne and Zach have been in touch and will be meeting to talk about strategies for gathering input.
2. Students report on Board of Trustees meeting: Zach reported on his experience at the meeting. The main topic was the Bonner program and civic engagement.
3. The “Title TBD” document: We reviewed the document and comments. One point of discussion was about how far out we are asking departments to look. Is it five years, ten years or do we let the department decide? Did we decide on form of “feedback” to the faculty ? Some sort of summary report is what we intend – something that can be shared publicly with the campus. We want to indicate that this there might be more value to the department in the process than the document itself. We looked at the due date and whether it conflicts with other heavy-duty deadlines, especially the allocations request deadline. This document will be discussed at the chairs meeting, but should be sent to all faculty, and perhaps directly to interdisciplinary concentration directors. Curricular Visioning is the suggested title.
4. Human Rights and Humanitarianism review: The concentration was approved to continue. We discussed it successes and areas that might be considered for tweaking. (Some topics discussed were broadening to include some of the areas that are not now represented, such as women’s rights, children’s rights, transnational, immigration, slave labor, engaging in the curricular visioning opportunity, the course approval/denial process, the role of internships in the concentration, how new faculty learn about it, how is the steering committee formed, divisional representation efforts, a culminating experience/seminar). Sonita will write this up. We talked about recusal from concentration discussions and concluded that steering committee members probably should be recused at review time.
5. English Department Review: Sonita departed, and the remaining attendees helped Janet to put the final touches on the memorandum to the English department.

Adjourned at 4:04

Respectfully submitted by Jayne Niemi, Registrar