

EPAG Minutes - February 27, 2014

214 Campus Center, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Present: June Ban, Terry Boychuk, Kendrick Brown, Merita Bushi, Ernesto Capello, Terri Fishel, Susan Fox, Geoff Gorham, Ann Minnick, Kathy Murray, Jayne Niemi, Joelle Vitiello (Chair), Harry Waters, Jr.

1. Approval of minutes: The minutes from February 20, 2014. Approved.
2. Approval of courses. There were additions to the course change memo that circulated prior to the meeting and Jayne shared the changes verbally. Changes were added from American Studies, Art Dept., Environmental Studies, and Theatre and Dance. Course changes approved.
3. Continuation of discussion of Theater and Dance response to external review. Joelle shared questions she had regarding her response from EPAG. We had a brief discussion of space issues, staff titles, and comments by the reviewers on curriculum offerings, faculty productions, and student centered activities. Joelle will prepare rough draft and share.
4. Allocations schedule - we set dates and times for allocations meetings for the spring. Reviewed departments that had allocation requests and volunteers signed up to be department case reviewers. First allocation meeting will be Wed., March 5th from 4:30-6:30 p.m.
5. Board of Trustees Meeting - EPAG representations. Joelle represents EPAG at Academic Affairs. Terry Boychuk agreed to represent EPAG at Campus Life and Advancement sessions.
6. Continuation of discussion of Proposal to revise the Writing GE and FYC requirements (discussion of text, questions, department survey, venues to obtain feedback, process) - Joelle presented the motion to the Chairs. Questions raised included cap on students, number of 20 pages required, and whether writing essays in class count as writing practice. The question of WP in foreign language classes needs to be clarified as WA and WC clearly state writing can be in a language other than English. It was agreed that there has been enough communication and opportunities for comment, and that Joelle will present the proposal at the March faculty meeting to get feedback from the faculty as a whole, so that EPAG can present the motion at the April faculty meeting.

Next week - EPAG will use it's normal meeting time to meet as Allocations, so the student members will not need to attend. So the following week (March 13) EPAG will address Chemistry response to external review.

Adjourned at 4:26

Respectfully submitted by Terri Fishel, Library Director