

EPAG Minutes
Tuesday, March 2, 2010
3:00-4:30
Campus Center 214

Kendrick Brown, Max Cady, Pete Ferderer, Terri Fishel, Gerhard Hoogvliet, Terry Krier, Carleton Macy, David Martyn, Kathy Murray, Michael Orr, Ann Minnick, Jayne Niemi, Patrick Schmidt, Tom Varberg, Eric Wiertelak

1. The minutes from February 23rd were approved after being declared awesome.
2. Warning: Later in this meeting we will attempt to schedule Allocations Committee meetings. This assumes that the CDP will be ready and the call will go forth as planned.
3. The CDP: Feedback from the town hall meeting and email has been summarized for our discussion. The concerns of the science division were discussed, particularly regarding historical depth. David read aloud his new text on historical depth for our consideration. Do we have enough evidence to support keeping the historical depth section? Student interest in early history seems low and requires cultivation. Is this really advice to the faculty rather than a part of the business of allocations? Maybe the core needs section has to be more explicit about its relevancy. Mindfulness of the origin of our ideas in all fields is something that probably already exists, and we should all remember that this is one criterion among many for allocations decisions. Now...on to the section about interdisciplinary matters. We are trying to encourage collaborations across disciplines. Does the FACT recommendation really belong in the CDP, since it's essentially an Allocation decision? It's really a recommendation of EPAG to the Allocations Committee. Should we be broader and leave the door open to more possibilities? Cross-disciplinary or multi-disciplinary is language better suited to what we intend than is the word interdisciplinary, which has a more specific meaning in the Macalester community. We moved on to the Asia recommendations, and our discussion led to keeping that section as is. References to class size and pedagogy are being reviewed and edited. Distinctiveness needs to be defined and contextualized. David will collect some language by voluntary editors, and the revised version will be posted for review. Kathy will craft a call over the weekend for our review, and materials will be sent out on Monday.
4. Allocations: We reviewed processes of previous committees with regard to visits from department chairs. Requests are due on Friday, March 26th. We will meet on the following CONFIRMED schedule:

Tuesday, March 30 from 11:30 to 1:10

Thursday, April 1 from 4:30 to as late as necessary (up to 8), with dinner

Tuesday, April 6 from 11:30 to 1:10.

Wednesday, April 7 from 6 pm to whenever (with dinner).

5. Kathy asked us to hold off on the final review of WGSS catalog copy until after a meeting that is scheduled for March 12th. Also, since next year is Samatar's final year as Dean of the IGC, it seems wise to postpone work on the IGC Advisory Council until that position is filled.

Adjourned at 4:36

Respectfully submitted,
Jayne Niemi, Registrar