

## EPAG Minutes

Thursday, December 1, 2011

11:30-1:00

Campus Center 214

Present: Holly Barcus, Kendrick Brown, Terri Fishel, Kate Hamilton, James Heyman, Ann Minnick, Patrick Schmidt (chair), Chad Topaz, Chris Willcox, Jayne Niemi

**1. Approval of the Minutes of the Nov. 17 meeting** - approved as circulated.

**2. EPAG 2012-2013** – We need to have a discussion with continuing and new members in order to select a chair. Traditionally it is a third year member and members in their third year will be: Harry Waters, Jr., Chad Topaz, Sonita Sarker, and Janet Folina. If any second year members are interested in being chair, please let Patrick know.

**3. Course Change Memo** circulated by Jayne was approved.

**4. GERC fall 2011** – we discussed the memo and the need to address the sunset clause. A suggestion was made that the memo sent to faculty should explain that the purpose of the sunset clauses was to insure that there was assessment, which has been done, and that therefore the sunset clause should be removed. EPAG accepts GERC's report with appreciation.

**5. Motion from Danny Kaplan regarding ROTC transfer credit.** We had a brief discussion regarding the history of ROTC credit at Macalester. We have not counted ROTC credits from UST or U of M since the 1970's. The few students at Mac who are involved in the ROTC program currently do so without any credits being added. It was agreed that we should follow the same procedures as with other transfer credits and if Jayne has questions, she would bring them to the appropriate person. St. Thomas ROTC is an ACTC course and ACTC courses are not transfer credits. They are equal to Macalester credits. It was determined that this decision does not need to go the faculty for approval and will take effect Jan. 2012 going forward not retroactively.

**6. Russian Studies** - We had a lengthy discussion about the process, information needed, and general concerns that members had regarding the final decision. We discussed David Martyn's request at our last meeting, and agreed that the report would be shared with German and Russian Studies as a courtesy, but not for potential changes in advance of release to the faculty at large.

We have three meetings left and Patrick wanted to be sure that we addressed if there were any additional information needs, that we reflect on our tentative views or positions, and come prepared to state our position so we could see how close we are to consensus. Patrick had shared a document outlining the issues and all agreed that it had been helpful in laying out the issues. A suggestion was made that this may be an opportunity for creative solutions. Patrick suggested that members write down their thoughts if they had suggestions. We will continue the discussion next week with the hope that members will be able to take a position and share their views.

Adjourned at 1:00

Respectfully submitted by Terri Fishel, Library Director