

EPAG

December 15, 2011, 11:30-1:00

Campus Center 214

Present: Holly Barcus, Kendrick Brown, Terri Fishel, Janet Folina, Kate Hamilton, James Heyman (came late), Ann Minnick, Kathy Murray, Jayne Niemi, Patrick Schmidt, Chad Topaz, Chris Wilcox.

1. The previous meeting's minutes were approved with one correction.
2. Announcements
 - a. Patrick shared an announcement about the January workshop that is part of CST professional activities. Dr. Erika Sheuer, Director of the Writing Across the Curriculum Program at the University of St. Thomas will be doing a session entitled, "TRANSFORMATION FROM WITHIN: CREATING A CULTURE OF WRITING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS." In view of the work being done on writing, Patrick encouraged members of EPAG to attend.
 - b. This is Chad's last meeting since he is going to be on sabbatical in the spring. Patrick thanked Chad for his service in the 1.5 years they have served together on EPAG.
3. Petition regarding a student's admission to 3/2 Engineering program. A memo was circulated outlining the issues prior to the meeting. There were two issues, one is whether to approve the request and the second was to address the text in the catalog that gave rise to the confusion. Discussion focused on what is needed to complete the general education requirements and what fulfills the faculty's expectations for the completion of a Macalester B.A. It was decided that EPAG would accept the request contingent on the student being accepted into the program and completing her general education requirements at Macalester in the fall of 2012. We tabled the question of the catalog copy and agreed to return to it in the spring.
4. Discussion of the GER sunset clause was deferred because we didn't have the adjusted text from the faculty meeting yet.
5. Discussion of David Martyn's request. We discussed and agreed the request could not be approved as part of the process we are following. Patrick will contact David.
6. Russian Studies – we discussed the draft outline of a report that was distributed to EPAG members. A variety of unresolved issues were discussed at length.

Adjourned 1:10

Next meeting January 25 at 11:50.

Respectfully submitted by Terri Fishel, Library Director