

EPAG Minutes

Thursday, October 11, 2012

3-4:30 pm, Campus Center 215

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

1. Approval of Minutes – approved with the addition of Terri who was present at the last meeting.
2. Class Size – EPAG is asking for more than average class size in the allocations requests. The distribution of class enrollments for each department for last five years should be included.
3. Instructional Days calendar - No further action at this point. More data may be coming in from Jayne Niemi. There is student interest in this issue, so students are advised that they should contact Jayne Niemi.
4. Writing Group Discussions - We reviewed who is attending the sessions co-sponsored by CST on specific dates.
5. German Studies Review - representative will be Joelle Vitiello.
6. Next Year's Elections - Janet, Chad, and Sonita rotating off. Will need three names.
7. MESIC review - Human Rights and Humanitarianism and Middle East Studies concentrations are to be reviewed this year. Khaldoun Samman requested MESIC be postponed until the spring. Agreed to postpone to the last week of January.
8. Reports from the Board of Trustees Meetings –
 - a. Harry reported on the Campus Life meeting that included discussing the constitutional amendment on marriage and other spirited discussions.
 - b. Janet reported on the Admissions meeting with had a discussion about online applications; concern about decline in domestic students of color; questions about economic diversity; and need aware. The session included a presentation by Human Capital Research Corporation, an organization that works with liberal arts colleges to meet their institutional goals. Discussion included asking what kind of students can we really afford without sacrificing quality.
 - c. Sonita reported on Academic Affairs which provided an update on construction; discussion of various indicators related to alumni giving, yield on admissions, and a presentation by Bonner scholars.
 - d. Chad's report on Advancement including information on funding for Janet Wallace phase II; FY13 Advancement Objectives, and the release of a new mobile app by Communications and Public Relations.
9. President's Strategic Planning document – We had a discussion about connecting the strategic planning for curricular visioning to the President's document. Sonita will work on the title after the document is further developed with rationale, goals, criteria, and process. Sonita will prepare a draft and share

next week in preparation for the Chair's meeting on October 23rd. It was suggested that Sonita share the document as a Google document that would allow EPAG members to add comments.

10. English Department Review – Sonita recused herself at this point and Janet shared the draft response to the department and the reviewers' comments. Feedback was provided and Janet will complete the final version of the document.

Adjourned at 3:55

Respectfully submitted by Terri Fishel, Library Director