

EPAG Minutes October 10, 2013

3:00-4:30 Campus Center

Present: June Ban, Terry Boychuk, Kendrick Brown, Darcy Burgund, Merita Bushi, Terri Fishel, Geoff Gorham, Ann Minnick, Jayne Niemi, Jaine Strauss, Joelle Vitiello (Chair), Harry Waters, Jr.

1. Approval of minutes. Approved as distributed.
2. Comments on kind of minutes. Discussion was brief, new format is approved.
3. Board of Trustees Reports - Members reported on some of the meetings. The new wayfinding project and the naming of Neill Hall were mentioned along with the summer project for an ACM online course named a SPOC (Small Participatory Online Course.)
4. Update on the International Studies request - Kendrick discussed the request with RPC, and notified the IGC Director. Joelle will notify the department of the decision to allow the change, effective Fall 14. We briefly discussed that there are issues that need to be run by two committees when curricular approval and resources could be conflictual.
5. Continuation of calendar and instructional days discussion: Jayne distributed four versions of calendars that have 70 instructional days as a minimum, with 2 study days, and each of those versions were projected out five years. The calendar for 2014-2015 need to be approved and available to the public by December 1. Committee members perused the calendar versions, and will continue to do that so that any non-viable options can be eliminated, and the pros and cons of the remaining options can be outlined and discussed. Kendrick will seek out answers to our questions about financial impact and effect on athletic teams. Joelle has provided a Google document where we can list other questions and things to ponder, including but not limited to the rationale for changing the calendar.
6. Further discussion of the Curricular Development Plan (CDP): Joelle distributed a document and prepared us for next week's discussion of it.
7. Joelle reminded us of the of the open forum (Tuesday 10/15) to discuss the Second Language Proficiency Requirement (SLPR) and the fact that there are meetings of other groups that might reduce attendance by key people. This reinforces the need for an on-line forum.
8. June reported on the town hall where students discussed the SLPR. In general, it was a positive discussion where there were questions about evaluating outcomes of ACTC courses, the completion of the requirement by international student,s and about American students who speak other languages. Ann will follow up on those questions.

Adjourned at 4:35

Respectfully submitted,
Jayne Niemi, Registrar