

EPAG Minutes - October 17, 2013

3:00 - 4:30 p.m., 303 Markim Hall

Present: June Ban, 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 - changed "personal" to "participatory" for SPOC. Minutes approved.
2. Report on SLPR Town Hall - Although the event was not well-attended, it was conveyed that this is not a controversial issue. Summary notes from the session were distributed. A Moodlegroups forum is open for faculty comment until Oct. 21st. Since this proposed change is not a change in bylaws there isn't a time constraint for submitting for the Faculty Meeting in Nov.
3. Continuation of calendar issues - Kendrick has talked with David Wheaton and is checking with Laurie Hamre regarding any costs and impacts for any calendar changes. Information on numbers of students in Study Away programs in January was shared. The number varies from zero in one year to 83 in another. Jayne provided numbers on internships in January as the numbers have gone up. We discussed the need for principles on which to build the calendar. We agreed on the following:
 - One week for fall break
 - Two study days before finals (Sat. for finals, but not Sunday)

No decision was reached on issues related to start and ending dates for each semester. Remaining to be discussed are contact hours and rationale for the changes. The expectation from accreditation agency is that we should have at least 42 contact hours (ideally 45) and we are currently at 39-40. There will be a Student Town Hall on November 5th to allow students to discuss potential changes. Joelle encouraged folks to contribute comments to the [Google doc](#) on calendar changes.

Summary reminders:

We are not meeting next week during fall break. Our next meeting is October 31.

Nov. 7 is the only other day we don't meet in the Campus Center and we will meet in 303 Markim.

We will continue our conversation about the calendar document and look at when semesters end and start. Start in January and ending in May may vary.

Questions for Classics review team need to be developed and posted. We need to get the material to the review team by the end of next week.

Meeting adjourned at: 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Terri Fishel, Library Director