

EPAG Minutes

Wednesday, October 8th, 4:00 to 5:30

Campus Center 214

Aaron Brown, Kendrick Brown, Stephanie Ewbank, Pete Ferderer (Chair), Terri Fishel, Carleton Macy, Kathy Murray, Jayne Niemi, Tom Varberg, Eric Wiertelak

1. The minutes from October 1st were approved.
2. Announcements:

The final version of the letter to the Russian Studies faculty has been sent.

There will be no EPAG meeting on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Other than that, our meetings will continue through December 10th. Please check your final exam schedule to be sure you're available.

Remember that the Board of Trustees will be meeting later this week.

Pete reported on the IGC Steering Committee meeting was yesterday.

The Step Forward campaign events are also this weekend.

SARC representatives Carleton and Jayne reported on the recent meeting to consider spring proposals.

3. Progress is being made on an audit of the General Education Requirements.
4. Faculty Addendum documents were reviewed. We agreed that adding some entry to the addendum about offering courses that meet the Gen Ed requirements indicates that the College values such participation in a way that hasn't otherwise been publicly stated. We discussed the documents and suggested revisions. Kathy will make a first pass at combining the two existing documents and new suggestions.
5. Handbook revisions: Section 7, II. Section B will be reworked to clarify that EPAG has approval power over such things as department name changes, changes in the name of the major, and adding or deleting tracks or emphases. We note that the even though the Provost is in charge of administrative structures and the faculty makes decisions about curriculum, changing the name of a department still needs faculty input and approval since department and curriculum are so closely aligned.
6. Handbook Revisions: Section 7, VI. The basic revision is to add the "fast-track" section and some other edits were suggested. This brought up the discussion of last year's joint committee on future staffing, and how requests are made for the positions that were recommended by that group. We suggested some language be added about strategic college-wide thinking.

7. Heads up from Kathy: a department is working on a request for a hire without a national search, which will require quick turn-around from EPAG once it hits our agenda.

8. Adjourned at 5:31.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Niemi, Registrar