

EPAG Minutes

Wednesday, November 12th, 4:00 to 5:30, Campus Center 214

Aaron Brown, Kendrick Brown, Pete Ferderer (Chair), Terri Fishel, Terry Krier, Carleton Macy, David Martyn, Kathy Murray, Jayne Niemi, Tom Varberg, Eric Wiertelak

1. Minutes: They were approved with some minor corrections.
2. Representatives from the Art Department (Chris Willcox and Joanna Inglot) will come at the start of spring semester to talk about the department's requests for two different course designations and for art history courses to meet humanities instead of fine arts distribution requirements.
3. Michael Monahan is working on departmental representative system for study away, similar to the one used by the library.
4. There was discussion of a proposed handbook revision that was suggested at the faculty meeting. The question was whether it really was about pre-tenure departures, or was it about how recently the allocation request had been made. Should we consider five years "recent"? Three? The primary goal was to deal with the pre-tenure departures. We decided to leave the policy alone.
5. General Education Requirements: The glass is both half-full (we have more!) and half-empty (we need more!). We want to avoid increasing cynicism about the general education requirements. We discussed options to ease the burden on faculty and committees and to ameliorate the problems that students have with planning future semester schedules. What do the rules allow? What can we do? Tom will begin drafting a policy that Jayne will comment on, and they will then bring it to a future meeting for discussion.
6. Ad Hoc Committee on Restructuring EPAG Report: We agreed that this was "good stuff". How should we proceed in our discussion of it? Kendrick gave us some background on the work of the committee. There are various ways to accomplish some of the tasks – whether by meeting annually with administrators of various areas, ex officio membership, EPAG representatives reaching out to various offices. Terri described the value of her attendance at EPAG over the last two years. We discussed other recommendations regarding participation of the Provost on EPAG and in the allocations process. We will return to this discussion in a more directed fashion at our next meeting.
7. Adjourned at 5:28.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Niemi, Registrar