

EPAG Minutes
Monday, April 27, 2009
3:30-5:00
Campus Center 214

Kendrick Brown, Pete Ferderer (chair), Terry Krier, Carleton Macy, David Martyn, Andrew Meeker, Ann Minnick, Kathy Murray, Jayne Niemi, Terence Steinberg, Tom Varberg, Eric Wiertelak, Terri Fishel

1. Approval of Minutes from April 20, 2009 Meeting, with one correction, comma added to #4 after “moving”.

2. Announcements/Reports/Questions

a. Gen Ed Assessment – Pete spoke with Nancy Bostrom and Pete will be sending out a message to all faculty not using the IDEA form to incorporate questions about Gen Ed in a class survey.

b. Textbook Proposal – on Tuesday, April 28th, the student government will be proposing that funds be provided to purchase textbooks for targeted classes with the approval of faculty and the books be placed on reserve.

3. Finalize Revisions to Handbook Section 7 (Draft #3 from Kendrick)

Reviewed the proposed version and agreed that the changes would include:

- “membership on these is comprised of the registrar and two faculty members: the Assoc. Dean of the Faculty and one other faculty member appointed by the Provost”
- 3c – This committee is “convened” by the Registrar – “convened” replaces “staffed” throughout the document
- Replaced “3 years” for GenEd committee to “2 years” to be consistent
- Membership appointment – Provost appoints based on consultation with EPAG and FPC. An EPAG member will chair the GER committee and the bridge to EPAG. It was suggested that the GER committee could also make recommendations to EPAG regarding revising the criteria. Kendrick will work on the revision to include a monitoring piece. The group felt that they have responded to faculty concerns by reducing the faculty commitment from 19 to 8 on the committees.

4. Department Discontinuation (Pete’s Draft)

It was decided that the discussion would be tabled until next Fall due to a variety of concerns. It was agreed that the group would revisit this in the Fall.

5. Final Grade Appeals Policy

Reviewed the proposed changes by Terry. It was agreed to replace “chairman” with “chair” and make additional minor changes. Terry will work on revised version.

6. Pending opening in a tenure-track appointment, which will be addressed with an expedited allocation process.

7. The Curriculum Development Plan (CDP): A Proposed Outline

Pete hasn’t had time to prepare an outline. It was agreed to brainstorm what should be included, the timing, using the four criteria in the report of the '07-'08 ad hoc committee on faculty expansion (so-called “joint-committee” report). It was proposed that a Moodlegroups site be developed to allow for an open process and encourage input from the faculty, including junior faculty. Topics should go beyond specific fields and it was suggested that we review our mission as a liberal arts college.

Adjourned at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Terri Fishel, Library Director