

Educational Policy and Governance (EPAG) Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2011

Present: Kendrick Brown, Terri Fishel, Taren Kingser, Terry Krier, Jayne Niemi, Sonita Sarker, Patrick Schmidt, Chad Topaz, Tom Varberg (Chair), Harry Waters Jr.

1. Approval of minutes of March 3, 2011. Approved as distributed.

2. Announcements

- a. Cognitive sciences proposal not on the agenda.
- b. Update on Pete Ferderer's plans to distribute the GERC Writing Report. Pete will be leading a CST lunch discussion on April 8 and will publicize the report by sending it out with the CST announcement. EPAG will discuss the GERC report at our March 24th meeting.
- c. March 31st Meeting - The Advising sub group will present their report on March 31st. The Chair will be absent that day, and Patrick will serve as Chair in Tom's absence. The Cognitive sciences proposal will also be reviewed on March 31st.

3. Discussion of Faculty meeting March 9th and Discontinuance Proposal

The Chair was commended for his role at the faculty meeting and for his introductory comments in presenting the proposal. Suggestions regarding the next faculty meeting in April, included:

- Request that written amendments be submitted prior to the meeting – as per Robert's Rules
- Request that written amendments be submitted to the Chair of EPAG prior to the meeting
- Request a projector in order to project written amendments during the faculty meeting
- Reiterate comparison of FPC to EPAG and emphasize the decision-making process that EPAG is trying to create; comparison to faculty tenure review by FPC
- Request a written vote

4. Brief Reports from the Board of Trustees Committee Meetings

Chad and Tom attended several of the meetings as EPAG representatives. Chad attended the meetings on admissions and the infrastructure (classrooms and learning spaces). The admissions meeting focused on a report with recommendations by a consultant. Chad did not receive a copy of the report. Tom attended campus life and academic affairs. Academic affairs meeting was led by the Provost and covered the IGC Dean search and included a presentation

by Kendrick on assessment. Tom also attended the advancement meeting with an update on the capital campaign, which ends in December.

5. Report on chair's email exchanges with Amy Damon and final approval for proposed program/concentration in international development.

The Chair has emailed Amy that we are close to approving the proposal and received confirmation that faculty member who hadn't been heard from had given approval for the proposal. It was decided that this recommendation would be forwarded to the faculty for approval at the April meeting.

6. Develop questions we have for the Economics external reviewers.

We had a discussion on questions to ask the external reviewers and the Chair will compile the list of questions to share with Economics. In the course of the discussion it was pointed out that there isn't a template for departments to use when developing a self-study. It was suggested that this be an item for EPAG to address next year. It was also pointed out that Economics has a well-developed program for their Honors students and that this could perhaps be a model for other departments, so perhaps EPAG could also address this as a topic for next year. Chad and Patrick agreed to be the EPAG representatives for the Economics external review.

12:50 p.m. We moved to Allocations discussion and Taren left.

Assignments were made for the case managers for each department. It is the role of the case manager to lead the discussion and make a 3-4 minute presentation on Tuesday. Case managers should read everything about the department including the previous requests and responses to previous requests.

We adjourned at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Terri Fishel, Library Director