

EPAG Minutes - April 16, 2015 -
303 Markim Hall, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Present:

Kendrick Brown, Ernie Capello (acting chair in Geoff's absence), Terri Fishel, Susan Fox, Ari Hymoff, Erica Lee, Mark Mazullo, Ann Minnick, Jayne Niemi, Jaine Strauss, Joelle Vitiello

1. Approval of minutes for 04.09.15 (google) - we did not approve minutes as they had not been shared prior to the meeting. Postponed to next EPAG meeting.

2. Chair communications -

- Letter to French and Francophone studies sent
- Letter to THDA - acknowledged, ongoing conversation
- Requested narrative from Linguistics
- Allocations next Thurs. 3-6
- Concentrations policy - This discussion recapped the recent faculty meeting discussion of the proposed motion to revise the Faculty handbook as not all EPAG members were present at the meeting including a "substitute motion" introduced on the floor of the Faculty, which had been eventually tabled.

EPAG members reiterated their commitment to the proposed Concentration Amendment and suggested means to highlight distinctions between their proposal and the substitute motion, particularly given the need for transparency in approving and/or evaluating future Concentrations.

3. Classics major changes (moodle) - reviewed, discussed and approved. It was asked that they clarify language in number 4.

4. Linguistics major restructure (moodle) - reviewed and discussed proposed changes. As per recommendations made by external reviewers, the new Linguistics proposal no longer has tracks, just a single proposed major. Some questions arose in the discussion, e.g., number of courses, as well as the need for linguistics to conduct an external audit of courses that have previously counted for the major but may no longer incorporate Linguistics subject matter, etc. Ernie will work with Geoff on writing up some questions and encourage them to think about certain issues.

5. Cognitive Science concentration (moodle) - The plan is to potentially review, but we won't have a resolution on the concentration policy until after the last meeting. The question was raised as to whether we could review prior to resolving the concentration policy. It was decided we would discuss on April 30th.

6. Internationalism GE requirement (google) - postponed.

7. EPAG 15-16 Projects - a list of proposed suggestions for next year was developed.

8. New Business - none

9. Adjournment

4:32 p.m.

Submitted by Terri Fishel, Library Director