

EPAG Minutes

October 15, 2015

3:00 – 4:30

Campus Center 214

Present: Kendrick Brown, Darcy Burgund, Ernie Capello (Chair), Caroline Duncombe, Susan Fox, Terri Fishel, Cynthia Kauffeld, Ann Minnick, Mark Mazullo, Jayne Niemi, Karen Saxe, Cory Stern.

1. Approval of Minutes for October 8, 2015 - minutes approved.

1. Chair Communications - Neuroscience self-study is due tomorrow. Questions by EPAG need to be prepared, but we won't be meeting next week (midterm break.) Ernie will prepare a Google doc that won't be shared with Darcy and Susan (recusing themselves from discussion) and we will discuss at the first meeting after midterm break.

1. GERC First-Year Course Update - The group is working on a survey that will be coming out soon. Sources reviewed include history and current goals adopted in 2005, 2010 survey prepared by Erik Larson's students, along with data from 2014 campus environment survey, and advising task force report 2014. The plan is for the survey to be distributed the week after fall break.

2. Concentrations Policy Update - Ernie gave a recap of the faculty meeting. General discussion focused on next steps. After much discussion, it was agreed to review our internal criteria and then proceed with pending new concentration proposals and eventually the pending reviews for existing concentrations.

3. Non Tenure-Track Faculty Voting Rights - A meeting with NTT faculty was held at noon today and Ernie provided a report. Key concern was the issue of tying voting rights to a recommendation of 4 years of service. It was agreed that looking at peer institutions and a review of the history of voting and how it has changed over time would be helpful in framing the discussion.

Next session (October 29) - Neuroscience self study along with resolution of Language for Review of Concentrations.

Adjourned at 4:30

Respectfully submitted by Terri Fishel, Library Director