

EPAG Minutes

Thursday, November 12, 2015

Campus Center 214, 3-4:30

Attending:

Darcy Burgund, Ernie Capello (Chair), Carolyn Duncombe, Terri Fishel, Susan Fox, Geoff Gorham, Cynthia Kauffeld, Mark Mazullo, Ann Minnick, Karine Moe, Jayne Niemi, Karen Saxe

1. The minutes of November 5, 2015 were approved.
2. Chair Communications: basic review and discussion of what happened at this week's faculty meeting, and brief discussion of HLC's meeting with EPAG
3. Internationalism GE Requirement: Discussion of draft of rationale and learning goals. Also, discussion about efficacy of an electronic open forum or a town hall and when to present to the faculty -- will the December meeting work?
4. Department Chair Evaluations: Reviewed the language and suggested changes to that section of the faculty handbook. Brief discussion of sharing course evaluations with the chair, and the chair sharing their course evaluations with someone.
5. Changes to Economics Minor: Approved. Ernie will notify the department.
6. Exams outside of Class Time: Discussed this and other conflicts that are presented to students, beginning with exams during the semester but outside of class times, and other things including field trips, athletic events and other commitments. Since we were asked to weigh in on the specific issue about exams that are being required outside of class time, we decided to focus our efforts on that narrow piece of the issue.. Ann will draft some language to add to Section IV of the Handbook, and will share the draft with the group.
7. FACT applications: The applications were discussed with the Provost. We advised Karine that all could be approved, and she will notify the applicants of that and what she approved for course replacements and funding.

Adjourned at 4:32.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Niemi, Registrar