

EPAG Minutes

January 28, 2016

3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

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Present: Andrew Beveridge, Darcy Burgund, Ernie Capello (Chair), Caroline Duncombe, Terri Fishel, Susan Fox, Geoff Gorham, Cynthia Kauffeld, Kendrick Brown, Mark Mazullo, Ann Minnick, Karine Moe, Jayne Niemi, Cory Stern

Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes for January 21, 2015 - minutes approved as distributed.
2. Chair Communications
 - Followed up on meeting with Strategic Planning Group - Dan will come to our Feb. 18th meeting for the first hour. Karine and Ernie talked with Terry Boychuk about extending deadline for allocation because Mahnaz Kousha is leaving her position.
 - Out of class time activities follow up conversation - Ernie reminded EPAG members to plan to meet with members of their division. It was suggested that this take place before midterm break.
3. Course Change Memo - distributed by Jayne Niemi before the meeting. Approved.
4. Distribution Requirements Task Force Update - Mark Mazullo shared an update regarding the first meeting with members: Janet Folina, Wendy Weber, Jim Doyle, and Randy Bauer. Peter Bognanni has also been invited. The task force will meet three times and submit a report to EPAG in the spring.
5. GERC Update - Cynthia reported that GERC is beginning to draft their report on the First-Year Course and there will be a Talking About Teaching session in the CST. Discussion about distribution requirement approval for a study abroad course resulted in noting that information on procedures are included in the Faculty Handbook. It was also noted that the Second Language Proficiency Report was circulated to all LLC faculty over the break and a meeting has been set up for February 11 to go through the revisions and a report will be sent to EPAG and circulated to faculty. A Talking About Teaching session will discuss this report on Friday, March 4th.
6. Internationalism GE Requirement - We reviewed the document submitted by Erik Larsen with comments by Ernie. After discussion it was agreed that the rationale language put forth by Erik Larsen was an improvement with the exception of one sentence, but the group preferred the requirement as it was written with a few minor changes. Ernie will make the changes as per discussion and share with the faculty.
7. Curriculum Development Plan Strategy - postponed to next week.
8. Cognitive Science Concentration Proposal - Discussion resulted in identifying some issues to be clarified.

Due to the lack of further time, this discussion was tabled to be continued next week.

Adjourned at 4:30

Respectfully submitted by Terri Fishel, Library Director