

EPAG Minutes

214 Campus Center

3:00 - 4:30

Present: Andrew Beveridge, Darcy Burgund, Ernie Capello (Chair), Caroline Duncombe, Susan Fox, Terri Fishel, Geoffrey Gorham, Cynthia Kauffeld, Ann Minnick, Jayne Niemi, Cory Stern.

1. Approval of Minutes for March 10, 2016 - Minutes approved.
2. Course change memo distributed by Jayne - the lengthy list was reviewed and French Course renumbering was discussed. Change memo approved.
3. Chair Communications
 - a. Media & Cultural Studies External Review - located on Google drive - Ernie and Darcy met with external review team and it was noted that one of the reviewers, from Carleton, expressed envy of our program.
 - b. GERC First-Year Course Talking about Teaching - led by John Cannon; FYC program is working pretty well and it was the recommendation stay the course. Because the impact of decoupling the writing component from the FYC still needs to be addressed, more time is needed to study and review the changes. Next steps - none. We would encourage academic programs to revisit in a few years after academic retreat on advising in fall 2016 and writing program changes. Academic programs will appoint an ad hoc task force at an appropriate time. GERC was commended on a nice job. There was a brief discussion of GERC's role and setting agendas. GERC answers to EPAG, but it is a stand alone and gets agenda from GERC. We will return to this topic before the end of this term.
 - c. Second Language Proficiency Report next week.
 - d. CFP deadline April 1- two requests for extensions. Contributions will be uploaded to Moodle and will be discussed next week. Ernie will also look for opportunities to include Paul Overvoorde in the conversations over the last few weeks of the semester.
3. American Studies Review Response (2nd discussion) - google drive - reviewed response. Approved.
5. Asian Languages & Cultures Review Response (1st discussion) - Google drive - discussed structure and confusion over Asian Studies "Program" as only a department can offer a major, and a program housed in a department can offer a major, but it was unclear as to Arjun Guneratne's role. Will review one more time before end of term.

6. Cognitive Science Concentration Proposal - reviewed letter and approved. Ernie will send it out.

7. New business

Question was raised about class pass/fail for languages as part of Second Language Proficiency report discussion.

Question as to when a session with new EPAG members this spring would be held.

Adjourned 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Terri Fishel, Library Director