

EPAG Minutes

April 28,, 2016

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, Mark Mazullo, Ann Minnick, Karine Moe, Jayne Niemi, Cory Stern.

1. Approval of Minutes for April 21, 2016 - approved.
2. Chair Communications
3. Course Change Memo -- changes were approved
4. Student Letter to EPAG -- discussed
 - Academic Support Networks: particularly for pre-health profession
 - Joan Toohey retiring, new Dean of Careers Services
 - Support for targeted groups, eg, international students
 - More broadly: vocation. No centralized places for discussion. Partnership between EPAG and Career Development Center?
5. Report from Task Force on Distribution Requirements -- Mark discussed how the report was developed. In the end, the task force concluded that our system works, although as with any system it could be improved. Some of the many different models from other schools were intriguing, but much work and investment would be required to implement such things here.
 - It would be great if Mac could come up with a single tiered system. But it would be a massive undertaking
 - Most people think that it's okay the way it is
 - Schools that the Task Force liked had things like: require fulfilling 7 of the goals in 8 different departments
 - The lists convey a set of values, each school is different
 - There are no official academic divisions in the college
 - Only in the Faculty Bylaws on EPAG - Section 2 - are there 4 divisions
6. Curricular Development Plan – We discussed possible methods of evaluating CDP requests and revisions.
 - Review the framing of Opportunities Distinction versus Building on Strengths
 - CDP: some had implications outside of allocations
 - Is it about curricular directions? Is it about allocations?

- Think inter-departmentally and inter-divisionally
- Explore and develop the overlap
- Make it shorter. (Permanent CDP justification document?)
- Review the criteria in past CDPs. Should they be kept?

7. We extended our thanks to Ernie for his work as chair.

Adjourned at 4:30 (or so)

Respectfully submitted by Jayne Niemi, Registrar (and respectfully embellished by Andrew Beveridge)