

EPAG Minutes

October 6th, 2016

3:00 – 4:30 pm, Markim Hall 303

Present: Andrew Beveridge, Darcy Burgund (Chair), Ron Barrett, Julia Chadaga, Saakshi Daswani, Remy Eisendrath, Terri Fishel, Cynthia Kauffeld, Mark Mazullo, Ann Minnick, Karine Moe, Jayne Niemi, Paul Overvoorde.

Agenda

(1) Approval of minutes for September 29th, 2016 - approved as distributed.

(2) Chair communications

- a. Board of Trustees meetings tomorrow reminders.
- b. Faculty Meeting - October 11, Darcy will report on CDP, NTT Voting Rights, voting on change of faculty meeting time; there will also be a 30 minute session on GERC with the topic being the pass/fail system and after a short presentation faculty will be asked to break into small groups to gather information.
- c. Paul has completed ES questions and group reviewed and approved.
- d. Sociology external review next week. All documents are on Moodle.

(3) Ann Minnick provided an overview of authorized absence notification policy issue - Faculty were notified about a pilot process to change how they were notified of athletic absences this fall. The change was that students were to have more responsibility in communicating to their instructors. A concern was expressed by a faculty member who felt this was a violation of an EPAG established policy that notifications came from the Office of Student Affairs. After discussion, it was decided that Ann would develop a survey about the pilot and gather feedback in terms of what is and what isn't working for faculty and students with a November deadline and will bring results to EPAG in December. It was recommended by the student representatives that Ann consult with the Student Athlete Advisory Committee.

(4) NTT voting rights discussion - Discussion focused on the four possible versions with agreement to provide information before the November meeting that would provide rationale and process and provide time for faculty to read and send concerns in advance. The discussion will take place at the November faculty meeting. It was suggested that the Moodle groups forum be used for faculty to post comments and feedback about the four versions. The four versions will be put into a table with the general parameters and information about impact on quorum.

Meeting adjourned at 4:32

Respectfully submitted by Terri Fishel