

## EPAG Minutes

November 10th, 2016

3:00 – 4:30 pm

Campus Center 206

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

### Agenda

(1) Approval of minutes for November 3rd, 2016 - approved.

(2) Chair communications - none

(3) Report from Andrew re: Short Term Study Away Task Force - A new task force, STiFSSA, is looking at short term study away procedures. They are looking at learning goals and procedures for consistent review as well as budgeting and risk management. In order to obtain credit for the study away program, all programs must go through Jayne Niemi, Registrar and EPAG does have the responsibility of providing reviews for study away programs. This task force came into existence to address the needs for procedures for trips attached to an existing class. Resource issues are being discussed as well because Financial Aid does not want to be in the position of deciding how to apply financial aid for student trips. Jayne does have documentation on policies and procedures that she will share with Andrew.

(4) NTT voting rights -

(a) Faculty meeting debrief - It was agreed that it was a successful discussion at faculty meeting. More responses have been submitted on the anonymous google form. A total of 41 responses has been received, but the blue and yellow forms from the meeting still need to be reviewed. Forms have been given to Paul Overvoorde who will work with Winnie Farley to have the forms transcribed.

(b) Plan next move - Darcy shared a chart with percentages of long term full time/part time; short term full time/part time and for long term part-time 39% are in Fine Arts, although not in music. Darcy will put a copy in Google Drive. Discussion showed there was division between option 2 and option 4. The themes involve investment vs enfranchisement.  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority will be needed to change constitution. Issues related to enfranchisement include service component, the right to attend and speak at faculty meetings. The overall sense is to propose one option to bring to a faculty vote in February.

(5) Neuroscience major proposal response - Darcy recused herself, and Cynthia chaired the remainder of the meeting.

EPAG reviewed the response and the requirements have been reduced by one course, and Neuroscience clarified double-major. There was general support and Cynthia will request a short rationale that contextualizes information for the faculty that could be shared prior to the December faculty meeting. It was determined the rationale would be needed by November 16th. Once approved, this change will go in next year's catalog. In terms of students working with old major or new major, the time of declaration determines which rules are followed. Information on the new major will be distributed the week before the Faculty Meeting that is December 6th.

(6) Curricular Development Plan revision discussion - postponed

Adjourned 4:22

Respectfully submitted Terri Fishel, Library Director