

EPAG Minutes
February 9th, 2017
3:00 – 4:30 pm
Campus Center 206

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

Agenda

(1) Approval of minutes for February 2nd, 2017 - approved as distributed.

(2) Chair communications

- Sent Bill Moseley response regarding concentration proposal and will be meeting with him tomorrow.
- Faculty Meeting on Tuesday - Vote on NTT voting rights; Darcy will read the letter to cover points made in it and project language for the meeting. Report for EPAG will include that we reviewed two concentrations, received a letter from STEM chairs and are considering that proposal along with a corresponding letter from Humanities and Fine Arts, considering an advising task force recommendation, and that EPAG is moving into allocations this week to review the 16 allocations requests.
- 16 allocations requests have been posted on the Moodlegroups Allocations site. An Amicus brief from Karine will be appearing on Tuesday. It was requested that we not share because different versions will be sent to various committee members because of department requests and the need for individual faculty EPAG reps who will need to recuse themselves during some of the allocations conversations. We have scheduled 5 ½ hours of meetings and will need to be efficient in order to review all 16 in the first two meetings. 20 min. Per request. Caseworkers assigned.

(3) Brief discussion of authorized absence notification policy - A recap was shared in that the Office of Student Affairs felt student athletes were not taking responsibility for communicating with faculty about authorized absences and some changes were made resulting in one faculty complaint. However, since no other concerns have expressed, it was determined that this is an issue to take up next fall, but in the meantime the Student Handbook needs to be updated to reflect the changes.

(4) Brief discussion of formalizing second (third, etc.) major advisers - After discussion, Ann will revise the form and bring the new language to EPAG. Jayne and Ann will work on the steps and reports that need to be updated. Darcy will respond to Sarah and explain action taken. Further discussion on this issue will take place when Ann brings the proposed new form.

(5) Respond to Media and Cultural Studies external review - our role is to read response and response to review and respond to the department. Discussion focused on suggested changes to the curriculum that would be addressed when one of the faculty members on sabbatical returns. Darcy will draft a response noting the positive review and the challenges they face and encourage them to work with the Provost and will share the draft.

(6) Discussion of EPAG's role in the enrollment-pressures - eventually we will discuss. Part of what we need to do includes sharing the information that we've gathered in concert with RPC and more transparency about issues and what we are facing by hosting a conversation this semester. RPC will have some budget side suggestions and EPAG will be focusing on curricular and short term real needs. The work by EPAG and RPC will inform decisions that the Provost and CFO need to do in allocating resources.

Adjourned 4:30

Respectfully submitted by Terri Fishel, Library Director

Next meeting is allocations