

EPAG Minutes

Thursday, February 23, 2017
3:00- 4:30, Campus Center 206

Present: Ron Barrett, Andrew Beveridge, Darcy Burgund, Julia Chadaga, Saakshi Daswani, Remy Eisendrath, James Heyman, Cynthia Kauffeld, Ann Minnick, Karine Moe, Jayne Niemi

Guests: Lorne Robinson, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid
Jeff Allen, Director of Admissions

1. Minutes: The minutes from February 9th were approved.
2. Admissions Update: Lorne and Jeff had been invited to this EPAG meeting to inform us about the admission process and answer any questions. Lorne described how applicants files are read and reviewed, and the many factors that go into decision-making. We asked about recruiting practices and their evolution. Lorne and Jeff reviewed the various ways in which the College is presented and in what venues. They shared various publications. The biggest changes in memory are becoming need-aware (2006) and the partnership with QuestBridge (2017). When asked where faculty and departments can help in the Admission cycle, they mentioned in particular Academic Liaisons and Samplers. These connections are possible moments when contact with a faculty member could influence an accepted student's decision to choose Macalester over another place. Faculty members can also contribute by sharing stories of their work and their students' work.
3. NTT Voting Rights: The remainder of the meeting was spent crafting and honing the language in the amendment addressing voting rights.

Adjourned at 4:35

Respectfully submitted by Jayne Niemi, Registrar