

EPAG Minutes

April 6th, 2017

3:00 – 4:30 pm

Campus Center 206

Present: Ron Barrett, Andrew Beveridge, Darcy Burgund, Julia Chadaga, Remy Eisendrath, Terri Fishel, James Heyman, Cynthia Kauffeld, Mark Mazullo, Ann Minnick, Jayne Niemi, Paul Overvoorde

Agenda

(1) Approval of minutes for March 2nd, 2017 - approved.

(2) Chair communications

- Allocations process completed. Letter is being written and will be sent to Provost by weekend.
- FAIR Feedback - RPC met on Tuesday, suggested offering an alternative date - Wed. night/Thurs. Of fall break (hard on weekends for junior faculty. Give two alternatives and see if there is a difference - 3rd weekend in Sept. Sept. 22nd-23rd or Wed., Oct.25th-26th. Survey will go from Provost after the Faculty meeting on Tuesday. Further discussion was about speakers and suggested topics that could include “what makes the Macalester curriculum distinctive” and “what defines a liberal arts college in the 21st century.” Wording for the form will be done and shared with the group for feedback.
- Faculty Meeting - not enough time to get to Cognitive Science on the Faculty Meeting agenda, but it will happen in May. EPAG and RPC reports will mention FAIR and survey form.

(3) Registrar communications - course change memo. Approved for circulation.

(4) Review of proposed revisions to Urban Studies concentration - approved and it will get into the catalog.

(5) Review of proposed Food, Agriculture, and Society concentration - discussion focused on number of course offerings and the committee spent time reviewing other concentrations and wondered whether there were enough regularly offered courses in our curriculum to support this concentration. Discussion will continue at the next EPAG meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:32

Respectfully submitted by Terri Fishel, Library Director