

EPAG Minutes draft

Thursday, April 13, 2017

3:00- 4:30, Campus Center 206

Present: Ron Barrett, Andrew Beveridge, Darcy Burgund, Julia Chadaga, Saakshi Daswani, Terri Fishel, James Heyman, Cynthia Kauffeld, Mark Mazullo, Ann Minnick, Karine Moe, Jayne Niemi

1. Minutes: The minutes from April 6th were approved.
2. Chair Communications: Only two more meetings remain to deal with a plethora of activities. Cynthia Kauffeld will chair EPAG next year. We will lose Andrew and Mark. Ron will be gone for fall. New members are Joanna Ingot and Dan Hornbach. We'll graduate Remy, and Saakshi will be back as chair of AAC. TAT on Friday will feature GERC's report on S/SD/N system. EPAG members will report back on TAT talk. FAIR responses are coming in and are due on the 24th. There was follow-up on the question of the definition of "faculty" that was brought up at the faculty meeting earlier in the week.
3. Food, Agriculture and Society Concentration proposal discussion. We continued to discuss the disposition of the proposal. We will offer a face-to-face discussion in addition to written communication. Letter will be circulated for review prior to sending it.
4. Discussion of Enrollment Imbalances: We talked about the language we use around "liberal arts" and that term being inclusive of all that we offer. We want the FAIR to be productive and positive experience where we come to common ground around institutional values. We want to be sure that broad suggestions for programming the FAIR are welcome. What are the anticipated outcomes? Perhaps, a community understanding of the "liberal arts", a common vocabulary, a common set of facts; also an opportunity to have the kinds of conversations we have in EPAG. Most important might be to foster a culture of trust and respect. Could this be a chance to talk about a more institutional spirit rather than an academic specialty spirit? What is the relation between Macalester's values (as evidenced by requirements) and what's happening in the world. Much other valuable discussion about the confidence we have in our students and their futures.
5. Environmental Studies Review: ES has responded to the reviewer's report. Darcy is drafting our response.

Adjourned at 4:22

Respectfully submitted by Jayne Niemi, Registrar