

EPAG Meeting

April 20, 2017

3:00 - 4:30, Campus Center

Present: Ron Barrett, 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

1. Approval of minutes for April 13th, 2017 - minutes approved.
2. Chair communications
 - a. FAS Concentration - Bill Moseley and Arjun Guneratne coming at 3:30. Discussion will focus on sustainability of the courses.
 - b. Mary Montgomery - Biology is rethinking capstone requirements and there is a document endorsed in 2005 with language on capstone, but it is not connected to any formal document. Jayne will add to catalog, with no changes to the Faculty handbook.
3. Final review of change of adviser form - Ann circulated two versions of the student form prior to meeting. Discussion focused on comparing Ann's version with the MSCG AAC version. It was decided that a combination of using the introduction text from the AAC version with Ann's signature version will be used to create the survey form and it should be ready to launch this summer.
4. Food, Agriculture, and Society - Arjun Guneratne and Bill Moseley, joined EPAG to discuss their concerns. The committee is in agreement that there is considerable interest in this concentration, however, the main issue to address is whether there are enough regularly offered courses that would allow a student to complete the concentration in 4 years. After considerable discussion it was agreed that the FAS group would:
 - a. Examine the course requirements and course offerings/availability for the other concentrations offered currently at the College and compare them to those for the proposed FAS concentration.
 - b. Plot the completion of the FAS concentration for a hypothetical student (or several different hypothetical students) based on actual course offerings from the last 2-3 years, and predicted course offerings for future years. Because members of EPAG have concerns about counting an independent study, capstone, or honors thesis as a core course, as well as with having to rely on courses taken during study abroad for the core, it will be most valuable if the FAS group plots the completion of the FAS concentration without these courses as core.
 - c. FAS will share the results with EPAG and their interpretation of these two exercises in an addendum to the concentration proposal.
5. Final review of student-athlete absence notification survey - the committee reviewed and discussed the draft. It was suggested to change the rating system to satisfied/neutral/unsatisfied. Discussion was not finished at this meeting and it will be continued at the next EPAG meeting.

Meeting adjourned 4:33

Submitted by Terri Fishel, Library Director