

EPAG Minutes

September 21, 2017

Campus Center 214, 3:00 - 4:30

Present: Darcy Burgund, Julia Chadaga, Erik Davis, Terri Fishel, Dan Hornbach, Joanna Inglot, Cynthia Kauffeld (Chair), Kaitlyn Lindaman, Karine Moe, Jayne Niemi, Paul Overvoorde, Saakshi Daswani.

1. Approval of meeting minutes for Sept. 14th, 2017 - minutes approved.
2. Chair communications -
 - a. Geography self-study questions have been sent to reviewers, on campus Oct. 9th, and Cynthia and James will meet with outside reviewers.
 - b. Oct. 6th Board of Trustees meetings are set.
 - c. Facilitators for FAIR should be at Kagin by 8 a.m. for training on Sat.
3. Proposal to change the English minor - after discussion, proposal was approved. Cynthia will send a memo saying proposal approved and no further action is necessary. Effective immediately if they choose.
4. RPC report and FAIR preparations - everything is good to go. The question was raised as to what will follow the FAIR activities. Next steps will develop. We reviewed graphs and numbers that Polly Fassinger had shared. We also discussed the recommendations from the RPC report. Discussed briefly how external forces including a change in OPT (Optional Practical Training) for international students may be a factor in student major choices.
5. GERC report on pass/fail policy, preliminary discussion - the policy hasn't been reviewed since 1971. Students would like a longer window of time before declaring P/F. Discussion focused on what is best for the students, for faculty teaching courses with P/F students, and what is best for the college. If the original intention was to allow students to explore courses without being penalized, then what is the best option based on the choices GERC provided. Discussion will continue at the next EPAG meeting.

Meeting adjourned 4:30

Submitted by Terri Fishel, Library Director