

EPAG Minutes

October 19, 2017, 3:00 to 4:30

Campus Center 214

Present: Darcy Burgund, Joanna Inglot, Saakshi Daswani, Cynthia Kauffeld (Chair), Ann Minnick, James Heyman, Julia Chadaga, Erik Davis, Kaitlyn Lindaman, Dan Hornbach

1. Minutes from last week (October 12th) were approved.
2. Chair announcements: History review questions and review ready to roll. Cynthia reported about the FAC meeting with Admissions and Jeff Allen's suggestions for increasing faculty involvement. We discussed all sorts of opportunities and Jeff is open to conversations. We referred back to the Faculty Handbook for what EPAG's official role is supposed to be with regard to Admissions.
3. Course Change Proposals: all were approved; at our Nov 2 meeting we will do a quick review of any additional requests.
4. Environmental Studies Major changes: Dan answered the questions that had come up last week. Changes were approved, effective Fall 2018. (Registrar: wait for updated copy from Ann Esson)
5. Concentration Reviews: We discussed the process we want to follow, since the process as currently defined does not seem feasible or necessarily the most useful. How about a questionnaire sent to the director of each concentration, accompanied by numbers as provided by Institutional Research? Or just ask, what continues to justify the continuation of the concentration, and what trends do you see? Cynthia will continue to work out a possible process and will consult with Paul Overvoorde. She'll start a google doc with possible questions.
6. Announcements redux: We want to talk about the pass/fail report again -- it will be on a future agenda.
7. FAIR at the Faculty Meeting: Generally, the reaction to the continued discussion of FAIR topics at the Faculty Meeting was positive. We shared an overview of the discussions at each of our tables.

Adjourned at 4:30

Submitted by Jayne Niemi