

EPAG Minutes

November 2, 2017

3:00- 4:30 Campus Center

Present: Joanna Inglot, Cynthia Kauffeld (Chair), Dan Hornbach, Darcy Burgund, Julia Chadaga, Paul Overvoorde, James Heyman, Ann Minnick, Jayne Niemi, Karine Moe

1. Minutes: approved
2. Chair Communication: Joanna is going to be on medical leave, and we will have an election for a fine arts representative for one semester. Joanna has been the SARC rep, and that rep needs to be replaced. Erik has volunteered. We also have a one-semester replacement for Julia that will be on the election ballot. Cynthia reported that she met with SPA. We will discuss FACT grant applications next week. The funding for FACT grants is coming from both the Provost and the IGC grant this year.
3. Registrar Communications:
 - a. Course changes: approved.
 - b. ES Minor changes: approved
 - c. Minimum credits for a minor: We decided to bring a motion to change the handbook language for minors and concentrations, and (at least for now) not majors. Cynthia will draft language for us to review, ponder, and edit.

4. Concentration reviews: Cynthia provided some historical info. Spring 2015 saw an attempt to revamp concentration requirements. That attempt failed. We looked at some of the reviews done in 2011 and 2012. SPA representatives are also meeting with Concentration Directors and is curious about EPAG's work on concentration reviews. Do we have to deal with handbook revisions of section 4 or 5? Should we do all the reviews, and that will illuminate whether concentrations need to be re-defined? Do the review of the review questions, get input from the directors, and then revise what should go into the handbook. What is the benefit to the concentrations and colleges of these reviews?

Adjourned 4:31

Jayne.