

EPAG Minutes

March 1, 2018

3:00-4:30 pm

Campus Center 214

Present: Ron Barrett, Darcy Burgund, Julia Chadaga, Erik Davis, Terri Fishel, Dan Hornbach, Cynthia Kauffeld (Chair), Kaitlyn Lindaman, Mark Mazullo, Ann Minnick, Jayne Niemi, Paul Overvoorde

1. Approval of meeting minutes for Feb 22nd, 2018 - approved.
2. Chair communications
 - a. Contacted Patrick Schmidt about classroom policy for recording and waiting to hear back regarding students having their names on the document. When Patrick knows, we will then move forward. Email feedback to Cynthia.
 - b. Talking About Teaching session on student perceptions of the liberal arts based on homegrown survey instrument for incoming students; would like to have a conversation with EPAG. Broadly, students are coming in thinking of the liberal arts as preparation for life after college, giving them breadth, helping them find their passions and gain certain skills. Advantages include curricular approach and setting. Few disadvantages listed. 55% come in with a math, social science, science interest, but more than 60% said they may change their major.
 - c. Motion about SPA chair - Section 2 of the handbook doesn't say that the all the members of committees have to be tenured, but rather there is some ambiguity about the committees, so it was decided that a review of all the handbook language around all the committees is needed. So motion will be withdrawn.
3. Registrar communications - course change memo circulated by Jayne approved.
4. Discussion of EPAG eligibility: planning for March faculty meeting on March 6th. Early because of spring break. Next step is logistics for conversation about EPAG eligibility and information gathering. Discussion about distinction between fulltime/parttime NTT and need clarification if there is any labor laws related to time allocation. Each table:
 - EPAG member at each table as a scribe
 - Note cards on each table
 - List of EPAG duties and time spent on EPAG
 - Document on table with rationale and bullet points with criteria and open-ended question - feedback on the criteria especially from the NTTCynthia will prepare final document and share before faculty meeting. We have 20 minutes at faculty meeting for discussion.
5. Athletic absence notification policy: student handbook update - approved changes.
6. Geography External Review - crafted response to Geography. Cynthia will finalize and share with the committee.

Adjourned at 4:28

Submitted by Terri Fishel, Library Director

Next week History Dept. Review and Major Changes