

EPAG Minutes – September 13, 2018

CC 206, 3:00-4:30

Present: Eric Carter, Julia Chadaga, Devavani Chatterjea, Erik Davis, Terri Fishel, Dan Hornbach (Chair), Joanna Ingot, Mark Mazullo, Ann Minnick, Karine Moe, Jayne Niemi, Charles Ofasu, Paul Overvoorde

1. Approve [Minutes - Sept. 6 Minutes approved](#)
2. Discontinuing the Theatre Major at Oct Faculty meeting - Faculty Handbook statement on the discontinuation of a major:

“EPAG shall make a written report and recommendation to the faculty regarding the proposed discontinuance. If EPAG recommends that no changes be made, no further action by the faculty shall be necessary. If EPAG recommends discontinuing a department, major, and/or minor, it shall provide its full report to the faculty a minimum of ten days before the next faculty meeting, at which its recommendation may be discussed. A voting member of the faculty at that meeting may present a motion to reject EPAG’s recommendation, and such a motion may be discussed, but a vote on the motion shall be postponed until the next regular meeting of the faculty. In order to be adopted, such a motion to overturn EPAG’s recommendation shall require the support of at least two-thirds of the members of the faculty voting, a quorum being present. The recommendation of EPAG shall become effective in the absence or failure of such a motion. In discontinuing a department or course of study, the College shall act in good faith in adhering to the most recent AAUP Recommended Institution Regulations on Academic Freedom and Tenure, as referred to in Section 3.I.C of the Faculty Handbook. In the event that a major course of study is discontinued, the College shall endeavor to ensure that all declared majors of sophomore or higher standing are provided the opportunity to complete their course of study.”

This does not require a faculty vote. Faculty need $\frac{2}{3}$ vote at November if anyone disagrees with the report in October.

3. Discussion of preparation for questions for Biology Department Reviewers. Here’s the [Self-Study](#)
We had a discussion and Paul will revise and share with the reviewers.

4. Discussion of Karine Moe’s Response to the STiFFSA Report

Here’s the [Report](#)

Here’s the [Response](#)

Issues are consistency and control when students are gone and that if for credit, oversight should be EPAG. It is estimated that there are 1-4 proposals per year. Dan will report at October meeting. Karine will respond to the report writers and turn in to a policy document.

5. Discussion on Distribution Requirements

Here's the [Report](#) completed in the past. There are actually two reports, GERC report - recommendation to convene a task force. Second report was the task force report. One recommendation for a single set of requirements - eliminate distribution requirements and add a GER. Also recommended that more time be spent in first year course on explaining distribution requirements and the role of advising in explaining the distribution requirements. Then we discussed the FYC and the importance of the required course and introducing students to liberal arts. Eric Carter, Julia Chadaga, Mark Mazullo will mock up a report.

6. CDP discussion postponed to next meeting. There is a CDP folder on the EPAG team drive with the original CDP and 2 updates. Along with a couple of EPAG documents from last year.

7. Question about dance classes - some are listed as PE and some as Dance. Question was referred to Steve Murray in Athletics, but any changes would need to be approved by EPAG.

Adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Terri Fishel, Library Director