EPAG minutes October 18, 2018 Campus Center 206

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

Guest: Melissa Fletcher, Director of Disability Services

- 1. <u>Minutes from October 11</u>: approved, as amended to say February faculty meeting instead of December
- 2. Introductions for our guest, Melissa Fletcher. She discussed accommodations, especially the most common ones of flexibility for attendance and deadlines. She described current process, balance between student needs and course requirements. Although there are laws around accommodation issues, implementation of them has to be adapted to Macalester's needs. She shared guidelines from the Office of Civil Rights and examples from Pomona and George Mason. There were questions and discussion around some examples. She will work on some next steps to provide useful improvements, while getting input from students. Bottom line: Feel free to reach out to Melissa with questions, whether about general policy or specific students.
- 3. Portuguese Minor: Discussion of the proposal continued from last week. Dan will send the prepared questions to the department for a response.
- 4. Anthropology Review Response: Discussion of EPAG's response to the department resumed. More work on the response document is required.

Adjourned: 4:35 Submitted by Jayne Niemi, Registrar