

EPAG Minutes 20190124

Campus Center

Thursday, January 24, 2019

Present: Ron Barrett, Eric Carter, Devavani Chatterjea, Erik Davis, Dan Hornbach (Chair), Joanna Ingot, Mark Mazullo, Ann Minnick, Jayne Niemi

1. Approval of Minutes from December 6th meeting -- approved
2. Announcements -- rough idea of planning for the term; small changes to Environmental Studies major/minor approved (document is in the team drive)
3. Student request about exceeding on-line max of 8 credits toward the 128 credits required for graduation was approved. The broader issue of the general policy about on-line course maximum will be taken up in a future meeting.
4. Planning for February Faculty Meeting and the discussion about the FYC program: Dan summarized our discussions from last semester. On the team drive, there are documents from prior studies of the FYC. Is it too soon after the most recent committee work to do it again? Is there anything new, perhaps pertaining to the FYC and its relationship to the liberal arts? There is still interest in discussing ways to reinforce the liberal arts message and the idea of exploration. We've looked at multiple things: general requirements, the FYC, Admissions and other messaging -- is there more? What can we do from the curricular perspective? (Transdisciplinary, team-taught courses, not limiting it to FYC but over the entire 4 years, how students experience a variety of faculty/disciplines, active participation of the full faculty, facilitate practice, faculty learning from each other, individual and collective action) Maybe the discussion at the faculty meeting could be a sharing of ways different faculty talk about the liberal arts in their FYCs. How to operationalize these ideas to discuss at the faculty meeting? Prompts? Keywords to combine in various ways. More discussion and planning to come.
5. Russian Studies Review: This will be done at our next meeting.

Adjourned at 4:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Niemi, Registrar



