

EPAG Minutes – January 31, 2019

Campus Center 206

3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Present: Ron Barrett, Eric Carter, Devavani Chatterjea, Erik Davis, Terri Fishel, Dan Hornbach (Chair), Ann Minnick, Karine, Moe, Jayne Niemi, Charles Ofosu, Paul Overvoorde.

1. Approval of Minutes of January 24, 2018 - minutes approved.
2. Monthly course change memo - distributed before the meeting. Approved.
3. Make up work due to course closings. Wednesday night class; Tues./Thurs. Morning courses - will miss an entire week due to closure. Discussed and recommendation was that Karine send an email reminding faculty that they can't require students to attend a class outside of normal class time.
4. Planning for FYC discussion at the February Faculty meeting - Reviewed slides that were prepared for the faculty meeting. Discussed how to make this a broader conversation about reinforcing the liberal arts at Macalester. It was pointed out that incoming students are asked questions about the liberal arts that perhaps should be used for outgoing students as well. Agreed to have a copy from the handbook on everyone's table. In terms of getting everyone into the conversation, although it is primarily tenured track faculty who teach the FYC, the FYC affects everyone in the department and thus is of interest to all faculty. Another aspect of getting everyone to discuss is to share experience in introducing, implementing, practicing the liberal arts in their courses. The conversation and capturing the conversation is the outcome we expect. A potential outcome could be the definition of the liberal arts and/or a FAIR topic for next year. We will collect cards with sentences after the discussion. Will try to get divisional representations at tables as people enter Kagin. We will do a dry run next week. Use words to create a question and then answer that question. Dan will make cards and we will test next week and make appropriate fixes before faculty meeting. Director of the discussion - Eric Carter.

[Draft Slides for February 2019 Faculty meeting](#)

Review of [2015-16 GERC Report](#)

Review [slide presentation](#) made at Talking about Teaching by John Cannon

Review [Summary of Department responses to questions from EPAG](#)

Adjourned at 4:26

Respectfully submitted by Terri Fishel, Library Director

Next week:

Response to Russian Studies Review – Start of discussion.

Russian Studies [Self-Study](#)

Russian Studies [External Review](#)

Russian Studies [Response to Review](#)

