

EPAG Minutes

April 18, 2019

Campus Center 3 - 4:30

Present: Ron Barrett, Eric Carter, Devavani Chatterjea, Erik Davis, Terri Fishel, Dan Hornbach (Chair), Joanna Ingot, Mark Mazzulo, Ann Minnick, Jayne Niemi, Charles Ofosu.

1. Approval of Minutes - April 11, 2019 - approved as distributed.
2. Pre-matriculation transfer work - We discussed a request to make an exception to the current policy and a request to change the current policy. Rationale was to change the pre-matriculation transfer credit policy in general to be more in keeping with current best practices, while keeping some of the existing limitations. Request for the exception was approved. Policy change was approved. There were three parts to the policy change. First, that no more than the equivalent of twenty Macalester credits prior to matriculation as a First Year Student at Macalester would be accepted, including all courses and exam credit such as Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate. After consulting with Admissions, this change will take effect for new students who are entering in Fall 2020. Second, the ban on accepting credit for college courses taken in the high school was eliminated, although it will still be the case that it may not have also been used for the high school degree. This change will take effect for students entering in Fall 2019. Third, we discussed online course credit and agreed to remove the eight credit limit as listed in the catalog. Dan will report these three changes to the faculty at its next meeting. Another topic for future discussion is the issue of ACTC students who complete their majors at Macalester. (Macalester students are not allowed to earn a major at other campuses.) There are more issues related to this topic.
3. Briefing on committee chairs' meeting with the Board of Trustees chair - Eric Carter provided a summary on the meeting regarding the search process for a new President. Discussed the requests that were made and granted that included greater representation by faculty on the search and that FPC would submit the names of four faculty members for the committee. The committee consists of 13 people - 6 trustees, 4 faculty, 1 staff, 1 student, 1 member of the senior staff. They want a diverse search committee. The question was raised about the Affirmative Action process. More questions than answers. It was suggested a discussion at the last faculty meeting that occurs the day before the first search committee meeting would be a good thing. Small table discussions and report out at the end. The subject of improved communication with the Board came up during the meeting with the committee chairs and suggestions were shared on how that could be done. The committee thanked Eric for his work.

Next week a follow up on first year survey and Library review is next year, so possibly discuss questions.

Meeting adjourned at 4:23

Respectfully submitted by Terri Fishel, Library Director