

EPAG Minutes: May 2, 2019  
Campus Center, 3:00 to 4:30

Present: Ron Barrett, Eric Carter, Devavani Chatterjea, Erik Davis, Terri Fishel, Dan Hornbach (chair), Joanna Inglot, Mark Mazullo, Ann Minnick, Jayne Niemi

1. Minutes from April 25, 2019 were approved, while we gratefully gobbled goodies.
2. Course change memo was reviewed. Approved except for 2 credit Environmental Studies topics course, which we discussed separately after Dan left the room.
3. Discussion of student absences due to classes like the proposed 2 credit ES course. There was discussion of such absences for academic reasons and the assumption is that students need to make their arrangements with other faculty for making up their work and not assuming that the faculty member would “re-teach” the missed classes. Someone suggested that it might be helpful if the students were given a “contract” to present to their other faculty about the absence and their course responsibilities. While this course does not require Short-term Faculty and Staff-led Study Away (STIFSSA) approval, we suggest that Roopali follow all the other recommendations for finances and safety. The 2-credit offering was approved.
4. Dan returned and we thanked him for his fine work as chair and his cookie-baking prowess.
5. Topics for next year:
  - a. Composition of GERC committee and clarification of mission and relationship to EPAG.
  - b. End of course survey process.
  - c. ACTC majors
  - d. Ron - teacher/scholar model and its future at Macalester and comparison colleges
  - e. Related to above - faculty/student ratio, advising responsibilities
  - f. The usual reviews and regular business
  - g. Accommodations and testing issues
  - h. Further discussion of the FYC, distribution requirements, etc
  - i. Hey, maybe the CDP needs revision!

Adjourned at 4:13

Jayne Niemi, Registrar