

## EPAG Minutes

September 19, 2019

Campus Center 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Present: Louisa Bradtmiller, Eric Carter (Chair), Terri Fishel, Arjun Guneratne, James Heyman, Joanna Inglot, Natalie Luo, Mark Mazullo, Ernesto Ortiz-Diaz, Timothy Traffie

1. Approval of Minutes of September 12, 2019 - approved.
2. Report back from FAC (Eric) - nothing to report this week. Academic calendar and religious calendars may come up and that may lead to an EPAG discussion.
3. Student representative -- filing period ends next week. We should know in two weeks.
4. Procedural questions -
  - a. Appealing a course that was not listed as fulfilling a GenEd requirement, but a student believes it satisfied the requirement. Forwarded to Registrar.
  - b. Allocations Committee - request to convene in October during regular EPAG meeting for a brief discussion. Tentative yes, pending more information.
5. Old business
  - a. Biology Department Review.  
Finalize EPAG memo to Biology department. Eric will send the memo and the process is complete.
  - b. Neuroscience Minor Proposal - See Neuroscience's response to our queries. After discussion of the response, request for minor endorsed by EPAG and needs to go to faculty for approval. Eric will explore time needed to be submitted before faculty vote.
  - c. End-of-Course Survey Policy (Eric) - tabled for following week
6. New Business
  - a. Designate 2 EPAG reps to external review for Physics and Astronomy - Oct. 28 and 29 external reviewers on campus - Louisa and Mark volunteered.
  - b. Departmental Review Policy (Eric) - We discussed at what point does a department review end and what kind of action can be taken if there are questions about a department response. The Handbook refers to a summary by the Provost and report to the Board after the external review process is completed. So it was expressed that EPAG felt the Provost has final oversight for resolving any lingering issues.
7. Mobilize Mac Project Proposal (Eric) - Discussion of proposal to create a space for students to engage in political action by providing credit for internships, practicum, specific course, etc. for the 2020 election. Discussed structures already in place and a program Occidental College has in place. What can our students learn from being engaged in the election? Is there a possibility for a combination of practicum and seminar. Conversation to continue. No final decision.

For next meeting (September 26)

- Physics and Astronomy Department Review
- Policy on faculty absences from class
- Consideration of proposed change to linguistics minor
- End of course survey policy

Meeting adjourned at 4:30

Submitted by Terri Fishel, Library Director