

EPAG Minutes

September 26, 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, Karine Moe, Ernesto Ortiz-Diaz, Paul Overvoorde, Timothy Traffie

1. Welcome back to Karine
2. Approval of Minutes of September 19, 2019 - approved
3. Reminder about the upcoming Trustee meetings on Friday, October 4. Reviewed assignments and volunteers should have received an email from the committee they are visiting. Attendees will report back to the group.
4. Report back from FAC (Eric) - nothing to report this week.
5. Eric and Paul attended the Department Chairs meeting to present End-of-Course Survey progress and Mobilize Mac initiative. Well run meeting with really good food!
6. Urgent New Business
 - a. Physics and Astronomy Department Review was discussed after James Heyman stepped out of the room. Discussion focused on questions for external reviewers and what, if any, additional questions EPAG would like to add. Questions for external reviewers may include: equity, career advising, advanced research, challenges of diversity (including nationwide).
7. Old business
 - a. End-of-Course Survey Policy (Eric and Paul) - discussed ECS draft policy. Students should be able to communicate teaching effectiveness in a systematic way. Policy extends beyond the survey itself. Discussed use of data and what that might look like. Paul gave a presentation on the Spring 2019 pilot which included 37 faculty from 13 departments. Discussed how to avoid bias in questions and how to provide resources for creating new questions. Reviewed terminology and timing around when the surveys are available to students.

For next meeting (October 3)

- End-of-Course (ECS) policy, FAQs. and other materials
- Mobilize Mac
- Policy on faculty absences from class
- Consideration of proposed change to linguistics minor

Meeting adjourned at 4:30

Submitted by Timothy Traffie, Registrar