

EPAG Minutes

October 10, 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, Ann Minnick, Karine Moe, Ernesto Ortiz-Diaz, Paul Overvoorde, Timothy Traffic

1. Approval of Minutes of October 3, 2019 - approved.
2. Report back from Trustees Committee Meetings
 - a. Academic Affairs
 - b. Admissions
 - c. Advancement
3. Report back from FAC meeting - discussed major religious holy days and student observances.
4. Post-faculty meeting thoughts?
 - a. Discussed Dan Hornbach's suggestion that we reexamine the structure of the curriculum. Conversation focused on interdisciplinary programs and concentrations. Departments need to be flexible in order to create/run/support this type of work. We should think about this more: campus-wide conversation--what is Liberal Arts? Discussion around what a comprehensive curriculum overview would look like: what is Liberal Arts; FYCs; distribution; multi-year task.
 - b. The curriculum belongs to the faculty--where is the interest in the current curriculum and how does this all fit together? Discussed bringing the work of the General Education Requirements Committee (GERC) as an update to the faculty meeting to better publicize their work and specifically the report on writing which was just completed.
5. Old Business
 - a. End of Course Survey Policy - The majority of the meeting was spent reviewing the updated draft policy and data management. Work to clarify system capabilities with co-taught courses is ongoing. Issues related to data privacy and security were agreed to be important issues and drove most of the conversation. General agreement is that the EOS is used for performance--there is both an evaluative and informative part of this survey tool. There was a consensus that faculty would retain their own evaluations. Data usage outside of the department would be voluntary (i.e. aggregated anonymous results to improve the instrument). Discussed retaining survey results for 1-year to provide for additional use as directed by the faculty/department chair. Eric will update this final version of the policy and

share for review next week. This document will then be shared and discussed at upcoming Faculty meetings.

- b. EPAG will provide resources for writing fair and effective survey questions.
- c. Reviewed the revised proposal to the Linguistics minor. Minor is approved as revised.

Next meeting

Finish End of Course survey policy

Policy on [faculty absences from class](#)

[Mobilize Mac Project Proposal](#)

More flexible course schedules

Allocations 4:00 - 4:30 (student reps are excused)

Meeting adjourned at 4:33

Submitted by Timothy Traffie, Registrar