

## EPAG Minutes

November 21, 2019

Campus Center 3:00 - 4:30

**Present:** Louisa Bradtmiller, Eric Carter (Chair), Terri Fishel, Arjun Guneratne, James Heyman, Samara Kurien, Natalie Luo, Mark Mazullo, Karine Moe, Ernesto Ortiz-Diaz, Paul Overvoorde, Timothy Traffie

1. Approval of [Minutes of November 7, 2019](#) - minutes approved.
2. Visit from Devavani Chatterjea to discuss Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) grant program on Inclusive Excellence.
3. Review [Course Change Memo](#) - approved with question for CLAS 292 2-credit topics course. Timothy to follow-up. Forms contain the following text on the submission page: 'By submitting this form you are confirming that department program director and/or chair has reviewed and approved of this form's contents.'
4. Report back from FAC Meeting (Eric) - nothing to report.
5. Old business
  - GERC issues
    - Reaction to Nancy Bostrom discussion of Gen Ed assessment last week?
    - Scope of GERC duties
    - Streamlining gen ed recertification (Timothy)Assessment is looking to do something different with the review of the Writing requirement--a panel of faculty would review students' writing. Idea to make the review of GERS a part of the assessment cycle. Create a regular schedule that is synched with the assessment cycle for accreditation. A committee was formed to review GERC duties: Arjun, Eric, Mark, and Paul. This group will be review and bring back concrete ideas/actions to EPAG. Timothy suggested that GERs be carried forward each semester (following current guidelines--same course, same instructor) with the department chairs reviewing a report of GERs attached to courses. Any GER on a course that is no longer applicable can be removed by the chair.
6. New business
  - a. [Latin American Studies Dept Proposal to Modify Major and Minor](#) - Eric and Ernesto stepped out for the discussion. Proposal was approved. Eric will send memo from EPAG.
  - b. [Chemistry Department Proposal to Modify Major](#) - approved. Eric will send memo from EPAG with a few recommendations.
  - c. EPAG approved changing the usage of he/she in the Catalog to inclusive, non-gender language. This will occur the the upcoming Catalog review for the 20-21 AY.
7. Next meeting
  - a. IDIM review
  - b. Listing of concentrations on various websites
  - c.

Meeting adjourned 4:27

Submitted by Timothy Traffie, Registrar