

EPAG Minutes
November 11, 2010
11:30 to 1:00
Campus Center 214

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1. Minutes were approved as circulated.
2. Announcements –
Tom shared a few items related to the discontinuance proposal. In the summary of procedures, bylaw changes require a 2/3 vote of the faculty, so we should ponder whether some of our models (particularly model 1) would require a supermajority to be passed. He also mentioned the U of M document that he distributed this morning.
3. Terry Krier gave a brief report on the meeting with the library and media services reviewers.
4. Election of EPAG chair for next year. Terry K. and Tom V. will be leaving the committee. Janet and Chad will be staying. Harry Waters Jr. has been nominated and is willing to serve in the spring, but will only serve in the spring. There will be three openings on the committee next year. The bylaws require that for the seven faculty positions on the committee, the elections be staggered in a 3-2-2 pattern (three elected one year, two the next and two the next). Currently we have 3-3-1 pattern. Tom proposes that we ask FPC to make one of next year's three faculty openings a one-year position, so as to bring us back into conformity with the bylaws. We are voting on the chair now because the chair gets a course release for next year. Chad is on sabbatical for the spring semester next year. Patrick agreed to serve as chair and was unanimously confirmed.
5. Response to Art/Art History Review – the letter was discussed. Items needing attention include:
 - Art 170 and 171 and the confusion over whether they satisfied a major requirement or not. The department needs to update the catalog to clarify this issue.
 - Request that the department compare which courses meet fine arts requirement and how many students meet the fine arts requirement by taking art courses. It is recommended that the department contact the registrar's office to collect this information.
 - Need more information for space limitations that limit class size.
 - Patrick will send some language for transition from first paragraph to the list of issues
6. Review of proposed motions – Tom distributed copies of proposed motions.
 - a. Faculty Election Cycle- to change in AY 2011-12, not this year. Propose that elections be held in November instead of April. In addition to changing the election cycle, propose that meeting times be set for RPC, FPC, and EPAG. This proposal allows faculty to better plan for their course times in relation to meeting times. This will also allow students to identify if they are able to serve. Group approved moving the proposal forward.
 - b. Name change – To consistently name the fourth standing committee of the faculty the “Academic Liaison Committee.” In a few places in the bylaws, it is referred to at the “Administrative Liaison Committee.”
7. International Development concentration proposal – It was determined that the group of faculty proposing this concentration first need to apply to form an Interdisciplinary Program, and

then apply for the concentration (as explained in Section 7 of the Employee Handbook). They will need to address points a-g found there. Questions and concerns included:

- Proliferation of new programs and scarce resources – should there be a moratorium on new programs?
- Concern with overlap – students with a double major in some of the social sciences could add one course and gain the proposed concentration.
- Should there be a specific rule that students could only have one concentration?
- Sections a-g need to be address, and no more than two courses can come from the department in which you are majoring.

Tom will provide feedback to Amy Damon on these points.

Adjourned at 1:00

Next week CDP proposals

Respectfully submitted by Terri Fishel, Library Director