

Educational Policy and Governance (EPAG) Committee Meeting Minutes

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- 1. Approval of minutes** - approved as circulated.
- 2.** Next week we meet in room 207.
- 3. Geology external reviewers** were here and Tom and Harry met with them.
- 4. Economics external review** is happening March 28. The Self-Study is coming and EPAG will prepare the questions.
- 5. Allocations** meetings begin March 22, and will include meetings in the evenings. Tom has notes from last year and wants to review before discussing with the committee next week. Allocations are due March 4th. April 5th is the first allocations meeting from 11:30-1:00. Tom was reminded that Jane Rhodes is included in the meetings.

6. Final discussion of motion to create a procedure for discontinuance.

Tom received a four-page proposal with an alternative procedure from a faculty member. It was agreed that we are far along in the process, we are confident in our proposal, so it was decided to not pursue the alternative proposal. The AAUP piece on discontinuance is in the handbook. Tom will include the most recent AAUP statement on discontinuance at the end of the proposal. We confirmed that there is a guarantee that students who are sophomores or beyond and who have declared majors in the department or program that is subject to discontinuance will be allowed to complete their majors within a reasonable period of time. A proposed list of subject headings was circulated and accepted for the final version that would be sent out tomorrow.

Questions raised included:

- *How will a department be notified if someone submits a proposal to discontinue a department?* Departments will be notified once a proposal is received by EPAG by having the proposal forwarded to the chair of the affected department.
- *One likely scenario is that a proposal will come from the Allocations Committee as an outcome of its discussions, so how does this affect the statement that "EPAG has one month to respond"? Such a proposal might come in May, and EPAG does not meet in the summer. We decided to replace the words "shall have up to one month to undertake" with "shall expeditiously undertake".*

Tom will send our latest changes to the Provost for her comments and then send the motion to the faculty on Friday.

7. Two Concentration Proposals – As you know, we have received two program/concentration proposals, one for Cognitive Science and another for International Development. The Chair has received a proposal from Karen Saxe for a 3-2 program in collaboration with the Humphrey Institute and there may be a program/concentration proposal in the works in the area of Critical Theory. Our role in

this process is to make recommendations based on what is in the best interest for the curriculum. The question was raised as to whether we have too many concentrations. Tom shared some figures on current enrollment in some of the concentrations. At this point discussion ended so that we could enjoy the Sirens who came in to serenade Gerbrand for his birthday.

Adjourned 12:50

Submitted by Terri Fishel, Library Director