

EPAG Minutes

April 9, 2015

3:00-4:30 Campus Center 214

Kendrick Brown, Ernie Capello, Susan Fox, Geoff Gorham (chair), Ari Hymoff, Erica Lee, Mark Mazullo, Ann Minnick, Jayne Niemi, Karen Saxe, Jaine Strauss

1. Approval of minutes: minutes of 3/26 were approved.
2. Chair communication: Geoff and Ernie reported on their meeting with American Studies reviewers. Final concentration policy proposal will be on Tuesday's agenda for the faculty meeting. Next week, Geoff will be out of town, so Ernie will chair the meeting. Allocations will meet 4/23, 3-6 pm.
3. Minor in Data Science: Geoff walked us through the new information received. EPAG approved, now it's on to the faculty next week to inform and discuss with the faculty, with a vote in May.
4. French and Francophone Studies: We reviewed and discussed Geoff's letter to the department. Geoff will put the final touches on, then send out tout suite.
5. THDA: The list of courses for the major looks more understandable, but we still have questions and concerns. Some of the categories don't make sense and we think there are too many. Are there courses in common in the beginning – there are clearly two courses required of everyone at the 400 level. Students want the ability to plan, and will get good advice from faculty, but there must be clarity in the catalog. Should it be a 9 course major? Are there three tracks? Is this attractive to potential majors, and what about those who start as “dabblers”. Geoff will send a letter, and will suggest that Mark meet with Harry and other interested department members to come up with something that works well.
6. Linguistics: It would help to read the department review for next week.
7. Allocations: Update on Q and A.

Adjourned at 4:25

Submitted by Jayne Niemi, Registrar