Educational Policy and Governance

Minutes
February 11, 2016
3:00 – 4:30
Campus Center 214
Present: Andrew Beveridge, Kendrick Brown, Darcy Burgund, Ernie Capello (Chair), Caroline Duncombe, Susan Fox, Terri Fishel, Cynthia Kauffeld, Mark Mazullo, Ann Minnick, Karine Moe, Jayne Niemi, Cory Stern

1. Allocations - Brief EPAG discussion about allocations issues. Then students joined us for the remainder of the meeting.
2. Approval of Minutes for February 4, 2015 - Minutes approved.
3. Chair Communications
   ○ Reminder that members of the Strategic Planning group working on governance will be here next Thursday. Goal is to have conversation about the way the strategic planning implementation group is thinking about governance and it was recommended that EPAG members re-read the strategic plan and section on governance.
   ○ Reminder that EPAG needs to discuss the NTT voting issue. FPC is currently rewriting section 3 to reflect the changes and the plan is to bring it to the March faculty meeting for discussion and then vote in April. EPAG will need to address the NTT issue within 2 meetings of the vote, which makes it likely to be an October faculty meeting discussion.
   ○ We will set an allocations schedule next week, so EPAG members were asked to please bring their calendars.

4. International GE Requirement - no further discussion, just thanks to everyone. Next steps will be in the hands of GERC and the Registrar next year.
5. Activities Outside of Class Standard Questions - we reviewed the Google doc that was created with a series of questions. This discussion focused on required activities as part of class, but conducted outside of class time. The issue of exam schedules has already been addressed at the December faculty meeting. This discussion focused on the issue of a need for equity, balance, and fairness and an attempt to determine if there are creative ways to help students and faculty develop schedules that address the multiple needs of students regarding class schedules, extracurricular and co-curricular activities as well as employment schedules. The current policy on class attendance and absence policy was mentioned as a possible source for addressing conflicts that may arise. It was suggested that this topic be brought up during the governance discussion next week. Further discussion was postponed due to the need to move to the remaining agenda items.
6. Curriculum Development Plan - Call for Proposals will be going out and discussion included several suggestions: highlight the liberal arts, include reference to the strategic plan, and strengthen language for college-wide initiatives. The deadline will be March 31 or April 1. There will be a second call in the fall. The goal is to complete the CDP by the end of the year.
7. Cognitive Science Concentration Proposal - postponed
8. New Business - none

Meeting adjourned at 4:31
Respectfully submitted by Terri Fishel, Library Director