

Educational Policies Committee
Minutes
10/14/2010

Members Present: E. Newman, T. Stearns, S. Cabaniss, L. Morrow, A. Gilinsky, L. Watt, A. Kittlestrom, J. Marquez (Minutes), L. Lee, A. Boyar

Liaisons Present: E. Sundberg, A. Warmoth

Changes to agenda:

No changes to the minutes, minutes approved

Business item:

- John Wingard not coming
- Liz Close will come from nursing, 11:30 (discussion item)

Agenda approved.

Reports

Chair of EPC: Senate

- Math objectives approved
- Learning objectives were removed from Senate, discussion around why removed. Changed from information item to discussion item
- If there are changes, Chair will make a motion to postpone and send back to working group

GE Unit policy

- scheduled for 2nd reading
- J Wingard has come out to suspend the policy
- EPC is responsible to bring forward the policy
- EPC stance, prevents unit creep

Global studies

- on as a consent item for Senate

JCAP

- Provost created document (handed out) to create task forces to address strategic items for campus
- Provost really wants plans in place for going forward, by end of the year
- Many of these topics cover EPC charges
- Conveners will need to forge the relationships between task force and related academic committee
- EPC has a stake in various task forces, Chair has requested assistance from EPC members to help in being present on various task forces
- Timeline, Provost wants regular reports on what has happened at regular intervals

Below are various groupings, with assoc volunteer

Task Force	Volunteer
Graduation Initiative	
Faculty Professional Development	Amy
Academic Quality	Amy
Student Advising	
Data-driven Academic Resource Allocation	
Themes of Academic Excellence	Amy
Graduate Programs	Laura
International Programs	
Academic GMC	

Email in Packet – SB 1440 – articulation with community colleges

- what will be the impact have on EPC, what will impact be on majors in departments
- read, potential business item

Discussion Item #1

Liz Close (Nursing, Chair)

Three items, included in handout.

#1 Do not admit a cohort of DEMSN students (n=24) in Spring 2012

- major curriculum revision is needed, started on self support and moved to stateside, no FT faculty member, can't offer the program as a result
- no intention of closing program, just making an immediate adjustment, prior to recruiting – currently doing a faculty search, no time to make adjustments
- program is every two years on even year, missing cohort for 2012, but will have the program on schedule for 2014

#2 Do not admit students to MSN L&M Specialty for Fall 2011

- not going to admit students for #2
- difficulty is sustaining three concentrations
- potentially going to every two year for this program

#3 Increase Fall 2011 Pre-Licensure BSN cohort to 32

Discussion on whether or not skipping a cohort (#1) will affect program in the public sphere. Liz doesn't think so. There are other programs students can take if looking for programs. TS and EN suggested mentioning the Senate. EN to take to Executive Committee and the Senate. LC agrees with this.

End Discussion Item #1

Business Item #1

Melinda Barnhard, Wanda Boda, John Kornfeld

Change CIS number and change in workload

Re: university 102, CIS change request

- last spring 2010, Vanessa noticed the CS code was inaccurate
- explanation that 102 was at the C8 code, changed to C4 (but nothing changed in terms of workload – bureaucratic code didn't address the difference)

Discussion ensued: related to funding, program reviews, course schedules, academic credit. TS suggests a program review, discussion around the idea of whether a program review would be helpful. WB and JK both agree on program review, and also that course will change in the future and not sure enough data exists for a thorough program review. Concern over whether a program review will mean a codification of structure for the course in the future. EN, program review is not an approval, not holding program to a certain model. Various suggestions made on how to conduct a program review in lieu of regularly collected data normally used in program reviews.

Motion: requesting program review from 102 due by end of school year (EN). Second (TS).

Motion: postponing program review in favor of further discussion from WB, JK, and MB, asking them to bring more information to see what sort of resources will be needed to conduct a program review (SC). Second (AG). Approved by all.

WB to bring presentation at next meeting.

End Business Item #1

Business Item #2

Terry Lease (Business Administration, Chair)

Request to make BUS 474 Computer Applications in Finance one of the two required course in the concentration and make BUS 470 Managerial Finance a finance concentration elective course rather than a required course in the finance concentration.

Motion: waive first reading (TS). Second (EN). Passed, unanimously.

Motion: to approve. Second. Approved, unanimously.

EN will approve to move to Senate.

End Business Item #2

New Course Proposals list

EN – new course approval (second to last page)

Question: which of these would we like to see as a business item; committee agrees to have Chair sign.

Comments: (AG, TS) Commend the chair on the review process, and thoughtful comments.