

Educational Policies Committee
02/19/09

Present: T. Stearns, C. Works, K. Noonan (for J. Wingard), S. Cabaniss, K. Grady, L. Morrow, S. Cunningham, D. Freidel, L. Lee, T. Kelly, T. Lease

Liaisons: E. Sundberg

1. Meeting was called to order
2. Meeting agenda changes:
 - S. Norwick was not able to attend today's meeting—1st reading of Proposal for New Concentration will happen today time permitting. ES will forward questions for 2nd to S. Norwick, ES comments on this proposal were not included in the meeting packet and will be verbalized by TS and distributed later via email.
 - SC proposed to move Saturday University—Extended Education Special Session Proposal from discussion items to business items. TS gave topic a time certain of 12:00 p.m.
 - Agenda approved.
3. Minutes changed to include SCu as member present at last meeting. Minutes approved.

Reports

1. Tristan Kelly: TS announced that Student Representative T. Kelly is now a full voting member of EPC.
2. EPC Liaisons: TS noted that EPC does not have all subcommittee liaison seats filled. Those interested in serving were urged to contact TS.
 - University Standards Committee: open
 - Senate Budget Committee: open
 - Graduate Studies Committee: KG and TS expressed interest
 - University Council on Educator Preparation (UCEP): KG expressed interest
3. CLA Resolution: TS reported that the Senate objected to EPC's use of the word "supports" in the documents 5th resolved clause. TS asked EPC to think about whether there is interest in changing the language of the document or to have TS fight for the language to remain "as is."
4. Biology
 - TS reported that Biology's changes were up for their 2nd reading today in the Senate.
 - Rich Whikus contacted TS and submitted a course change form to change BIOL 495 to BIOL 494, and prerequisites (e.g. GPA) for this course now reflect the 494 course number description. The title of the course is now "Independent Research Design." The CS# was changed from 78 to 36.
 - Lengthy discussion followed on whether the changes made to the course are still reflective of the proposal that EPC approved last Fall.

- SC motioned to amend course change form to change CS#36 to CS#78 to reflect the CS# on the earlier proposal. TL second.
- ES noted that the definition of CS #36 is the correct CS# for a course like BIOL 494, and that CS#78 was incorrect. The definition is “independent study; fieldwork; faculty .33 WTE per student.
- Motion called to a vote: 1 aye (SC), 9 nays, 1 abstain (KG), Motion denied.

Business items

1. Saturday University – Extended Education Special Session Proposal
 - TS reported that Extended Education has proposed piloting a concurrent special session on Saturdays during the regular term to supplement regular term offerings. These course offerings would not be new course and would cost regularly enrolled students extra money.
 - Extended Education is not obligated at this time to bring forward programs to EPC unless they are required courses for a baccalaureate degree.
 - ES noted that this pilot has the support of the Provost, and that there may be some concern over Ex. Order 602 which refers to the intent to prohibit the teaching of general fund curriculum concurrently in order to protect or discourage students to pay over to extend course enrollment.
 - SC motioned to invite Mark Merikel to next EPC meeting to discuss his CW motioned to amend motion to include that we vote on endorsing this proposal. SC second. Amendment was approved. Motion was approved.
 - TS suggested we as a committee readdress EPC’s relationship to Extended Education and motioned to create a subcommittee of 3 EPC members to look at the curriculum guide with respect to Extended Education in order to revise the part of that document that defines their relationship to EPC. Motion approved. Volunteers are TS, SC, LL.
2. Program Review Assignments
 - DF and SCu will begin work on AMCS.
 - CW and TL will begin work on CALS.
 - KG and LM will begin work on Comp Sci
 - The program review template developed by K. Ely last Fall will be emailed.
3. University 238 Memorandum
 - TS drafted UIV 238 memo with CW and requested any amendments or additions.
 - CW research creation of the class and noted that it was created in 1995 without the signature of a chair or dean and was never brought forward for approval, and therefore was created without any faculty oversight.
 - SC motioned to request that they submit a new course for and EPC will treat it as a new course.
 - Suggested changes to memo included: changing Master Calendar to Master Catalog, adding Melinda Barnard to To:, moving Matthew Lopez-Phillips to CC:, and CCing EPC.

- Motion approved.
- 4. Postpone First Reading of ENSP, New Concentration on Water Quality and Hazardous Materials Management to next meeting. TS will see if Steve Norwick can attend.
- 5. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Sheila Cunningham, Library representative