

Educational Policies Committee

Minutes
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Members Present: M. Halavais, S. Bittner, S. Cabaniss, B. Christie, L. Morrow, K. Ely, K. Brodsky (for R. Robison), L. Lee, T. Stearns, C. Works

Liaisons Present: A. Maruda (for J. Russell)

Guest: M. Jolly

1. The meeting was called to order.
2. The Agenda was changed to add an Accessible Technology Initiative (ATI) Report by B. Christie as item 12. The Agenda was approved as changed
3. The minutes were approved.

REPORTS:

1. Chair of EPC: M. Halavais reported that today's meeting would be sort so that members could attend the "Access to Excellence" discussion. She also reported that the Executive Committee was circulating a proposed resolution regarding tenure-track faculty workload. She will email a copy of the proposal to the EPC members. There was some discussion.

BUSINESS:

Academic Probation and Disqualification catalog policy revision, first reading: M. Jolly reviewed the attachments to the agenda. She explained why the current policy is not clear and even inaccurate. The University Standards Committee decided to rewrite it completely. There is a separate set of Procedures available on the web. The proposed SSU policy follows CSU guidelines. There were several questions, and M. Jolly said she would find out why item #5 of the old policy dealing with "at risk" students was dropped. She clarified the role of the University Standards Committee in evaluating petitions for reinstatement.

REPORTS:

1. Chair's report (continued): M. Halavais said that only one department had requested presenting their Program Review to EPC and she has not heard back from them. She also reported that the EPC will ask C. Rhodes, the new director of the Educational Mentoring Teams and Freshman Seminar, to report to EPC about changes in that program and his role in the First Year Experience (FYE).
2. No Vice Provost Report.
3. Liaison to Academic Planning Committee: S. Cabaniss reported that APC would like EPC to look at the policy framework around awarding credit for Extended Education classes. The faculty should be part of the planning process and evaluate how it affects the University's mission. She also reported that there were questions about the role of faculty in decisions regarding accreditation . M. Halavais asked EPC member to find out what had been cut in their School budgets in order to meet the assessment for the School of Business.

4. Graduate Studies Subcommittee: M. Halavis reported there will be a new program in win marketing.
5. General Education Subcommittee: K. Ely said that they are moving forward on GE reform and on assessment. The Engineering Department has submitted a proposal to cover GE areas A and E in their Department. There will be a second reading on that proposal. The GE Subcommittee will be sure to ask for the sign off from Philosophy regarding Area A. K. Ely said there would be work group reports at the next GE meeting, and she would be report on those at the next EPC meeting. M. Halavais reminded them that the GE Subcommittee needs to certify FYE. T. Stearns said that English and Philosophy had already signed off on the GE credit. K. Ely will find out and clarify the process.
6. Senate Budget Committee: S. Bittner said that he is not able to attend the meetings this semester. He reported that Andy Merrifield said that the Chancellor's Office comment on accreditation of the School of Business was that it was a good idea if resources allowed. The EPC needs a new representative to the Senate Budget Committee.
7. University Standards Subcommittee: C. Works reported that the Academic Probation and Disqualification policy would go to a second reading.
8. Accessible Technology Initiative (ATI): B. Christie reported that there are 25 people on the Steering Committee, about one-third faculty, one-third administration and one-third staff. There are three subcommittees, Web Access, Instructional Materials Accessibility, and Electronic Information and Procurement; and he is on the second one. They are working on setting up guidelines. He has some increased reassigned time for faculty development.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by S. Cabaniss