

Education Policies Committee

Minutes

02/05/09

Members present: Thaine Stearns, Sharon Cabaniss, John Wingard, Carmen Works, Lynn Morrow, Dolly Freidel, Robert Eyler, Karen Grady

Liaisons present: Bob Coleman, Elaine Sundberg

Visitors: Art Warmoth

1. The meeting was called to order
2. Meeting agenda changes
 - GE presentation on program review TC 12 pm
 - University courses moved to business item after GE
3. Minutes from last time where not approved
4. Reports
 - TS: Review of Robert's rules – abstentions can only be counted if there is a call for a hand count. There were many questions raised about the biology proposal but no one voted against it. TS encouraged members to be rigorous and polite. The university catalog has policies and procedures regarding 495 courses and SC asked if TS could request the removal of the proposal from the Senate's consent item since it now includes 495 and the committee was unaware of the university policy. BC said that he would request that the biology proposal be discussed on the floor of the Senate.
 - TS: CLA resolution will also be discussed as an item of business at the Senate.
 - TS: The ATI committee is looking for a member of EPC to join them. No one volunteered.
 - Committee assignments – BC will continue to serve as the liaison between APC and EPC and CW will continue to serve as the liaison from EPC to GE. No other assignments were made, but TS agreed to unofficially report the business of the graduate studies sub to EPC
 - ES: no report
5. Business Items
 - Program review assignments – discussion about the process resulted in a recommendation that we follow the suggestions from Kirsten and we used for the physics program review. WHERE ARE THESE? In general EPC will assign a two member team which will read the program review, draft a response to the dept in question, the dept will visit EPC and discuss the draft, and a letter will be written by the two member team and submitted to the Provost. AW: reported that APC is looking at what type of data base is needed for planning and getting these items into the data base from program review.

- Nathan Rank – gave a presentation outlining the efforts of the GE subcommittee on program review and will present this at the Senate
 - AW: suggestions for EPC regarding the memo on university courses. 1. separate depts. with GE courses from u-courses, and asked what EPC wanted APC to do. TS is concerned that certain U-courses have not had appropriate faculty oversight. This resulted in a discussion on how best to bring these courses through EPC. At conclusion was that they have never been approved by faculty so they will be asked to come through and be approved.
6. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Carmen Works, SST representative