

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

WEEK 7; Tuesday January 15, 2013; in Founders' Hall, Basement Meeting Room

Members in attendance: Brandon Metoyer, Catherine McDermott, David Dehnel, Ellen Hay, Kristin Douglas, Michael Wolf, Robert Elflin, Rowen Schussheim-Anderson, Tim Bloser, Umme Al-Wazedi, Darien Marion-Burton

Others Present: Steve Bahls, Pareena Lawrence, Gail Parsons

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Committee Chair Mike Wolf

**I. Minutes** from December 11, 2012 meeting:

Motion: Robert Elflin                      Seconded: Ellen Hay

All Approved

**II. Old Business:**

**December 14, 2010** What is the actual charge of the EPC Committee; Are the EPC guidelines being met; Constitutional responsibility of faculty to be in charge of curriculum; Proactive behavior /not reactive; Certificate Programs; Concern with new instructor course syllabus development

**III. New Business**

A. Consent Agenda from GenEd: Suffix Approval: D for MUSC 401 (Topics in Music)

Action: EPC Chair will forward to Senate with request to discuss Topics Title and course number with Registrar.

B. President Bahls and Dean Lawrence will talk with EPC members about their visions for the future of the college. (Handout was given to EPC members (Proposed presidential goals for the next five years Second Draft))

Discussion:

- Roll of EPC and academic enhancements in our next strategic plan at Augustana
- Review this strategic plan process differently than the last one adopted 5 years ago
- Board insists on a strategic plan
- Where will Augustana be in the next 5 – 10 years
- All decisions are made on an ad hoc basis, not an integrated basis
- Propose a strategic plan that involves a greater involvement and investment in what our course of study ought to look like
- How every department can strengthen themselves
- Focus on academic excellence
- Student learning outcomes
- Challenges associated with strategic plan:
  - Economic model of Augustana to constantly increase tuition
  - Tuition discounting (scholarship aid)
  - Existence of colleges as they exist today
  - Increase reputation and competitiveness
  - Accessibility
  - Affordability

## Sustainability

Programs that leverage experiential learning – niche for Liberal Arts Colleges

- Randy Hengst will represent faculty at Board meeting
- Board will evaluate President's goals
- Goals to provide innovation at Augustana
- P2P – Professor to Pupil – need to integrate technology and educate and facilitate faculty, that want to have greater use of technology in the classroom
- How can we view technology as enhancing classroom experience
- Simulations in classrooms
- Collaborate with students at other institutions and other parts of the world
- How to develop students that lack skills to enhance their ability to continue at Augustana
- Could MOOC be used at Augustana
- Spinning (students moving from one institution to another) Concern with retention
- Articulation agreements with other institutions
- Survey other quality institutions regarding acceptance of transfer credits
- Consider developing global studies and new majors consistent with Liberal Arts colleges
- Partnerships with other colleges
- Micro programs within majors
- Roll of technology at Augustana
- Administration looking forward to:
  - Holding down tuition costs
  - Enhance student learning
  - Change of demographics with regards to student recruitment
  - Build value in Augustana for quality education and programs
  - What happens in the classroom can make Augustana distinctive
  - Consider what are the evolving needs to moving students forward
  - Leverage what we are good at
  - Doubling endowments in the future
  - Increase Annual Fund
- Board is waiting for guidance, aggressive cost control and challenging faculty

More to come...

Motion to adjourn meeting 5:30 pm.

Next Meeting January 22, 2013 Founders' Hall Basement Meeting Room