

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Winter term, WEEK 1; Tuesday, November 13, 2012; in Founders' Hall Basement Meeting Room

Members in attendance: Catherine McDermott, Danilo Bruno, David Dehnel, Ellen Hay, Greg Domski, Kristin Douglas, Mike Wolf, Robert Elflin, Taddy Kalas, Tim Bloser, Darien Marion-Burton
Others Present: Gail Parsons

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

I. Minutes from October 23, 2012 meeting:

Motion: Catherine McDermott seconded: David Dehnel
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

September 4, 2012

Review definition of online and blended learning (Greg Domski will report on the Sloan definition to help define Augustana definition)

Oct. 16, 2012 Address the Definitions of Blended-Learning & Online Learning (MBW draft 10.11.12)
<http://etcjournal.com/2012/01/22/sloan-cs-definition-of-online-course-may-be-out-of-sync-with-reality/>
http://www.rit.edu/provost/sites/rit.edu.provost/files/2011_report_on_online_learning_at_rit_final_0.doc.

Discussion:

- Can only apply definition of “blended learning” to new courses.
- MBW draft 10.11.12 change language:
“Blended-Learning course (BL): a course in which ~~some~~ significant content ... environment and ~~some~~ significant ...
OnLine learning course (OL): a course where ~~substantially~~ all of the content is delivered using technology, and there are no required F2F meetings. ~~Some courses may be asynchronous or synchronous~~ (needs to be defined)
- EPC Committee would like to develop a definition for future approval of new courses
Action: The EPC Committee requested Registrar Liesl Fowler to submit new language for review of the definition in the catalog for “Correspondence or distance coursework.”
Committee moved to Table New revisions completed 10/18/12

September 4, 2012 Senior Inquiry

September 11, 2012 continued discussion of SI

Motion to elect EPC members David Dehnel, Greg Domski, Robert Elflin, and Catherine McDermott to draft a charge for SI: David Dehnel seconded: Taddy Kalas
All Approved

Oct. 16: SI Committee will submit copy for review to EPC members for next EPC meeting Oct. 23.

Sept. 25, 2012

ECON Senior Inquiry change (with ECON 407 & 409 additions)

Action: **Motion to refer back to Economics Department: David Dehnel**
seconded: Taddy Kalas Motion to refer back to department approved

III. New Business

A. Consent Agenda from GenEd: See New Business H. PS suffix for COMM 410

B. New language for review of the definition in the catalog for “Correspondence or distance coursework.” See the revised Definitions of Blended-Learning & Online Learning (Old Business: Sept. 4, Oct. 16)

Discussion:

Suggested change to “Statement on Technology-Mediated Modes of Instruction at Augustana College”.

- *There are certain subjects and skills (e.g., learning spreadsheets or technologically based skills) which do lend themselves well to being delivered predominantly or wholly online. According to the definitions above, these subjects could be taught as blended or online courses. However, the faculty of Augustana College does not endorse long-distance, largely asynchronous instructional methods (e.g., online correspondence courses) in which there is little or no human interaction. Thus-In general, the online mode of instruction is not in keeping with the culture or mission of the College, which places great emphasis on developing the mind, body and spirit of our students through personal, face-to-face relationships.*

- Statement in Augustana College catalog.

Recommendation to omit the current policy language: **Correspondence or distance coursework**: from the catalog and recommend to not replace with the suggested policy language: **Policy on online/distance coursework**. Omit completely this statement from catalog.

- Recommendation of EPC Committee to consult with Registrar

Registrar concurs with deletion of this paragraph (11/15/12). An additional, distinct policy needs to be added to the catalog stating that online speech and foreign language courses will not receive Augustana transfer credit.

Motion to table: Mike Wolf

Seconded: David Dehnel

Motion to table approved

C. Self-designed Minor requirements

Action: Tabled by EPC until other fundamental curricular change issues are sorted out (10/12/2011)

Motion to take off table: David Dehnel Seconded: Greg Domski

All approved

Discussion: Noted: The current Contract Major will be renamed Self-designed Major.

Motion to approve the addition of Self-designed Minor and requirements: Robert Elflin

Seconded: Greg Domski Nay: 1

Motion is approved

D. First-year student restrictions for 300- & 400-level courses

Discussion:

- Will restrictions be by catalog year or credits?
- Could the restriction for FY students be considered for one or two terms in their first year? and open course approvals with permission of advisor and instructor in the spring term?
- Should consideration be made that Junior and Senior students are restricted from 100 level courses?
- Will instructors be responsible to review student’s eligibility of catalog year or credits, to sign permission slip?

Motion to table: Ellen Hay

Seconded: Robert Elflin

Motion to table approved

E. BUSN 320 Marketing for Creative Professionals

Discussion:

- Prerequisites List statement is confusing
- Course does not count toward Business Major?
- Course is required for Graphic Design Major
- Change spelling in section Course_Rationale ...BUSN department ~~per say~~ per se, ...

Motion to table: Ellen Hay

Seconded: Taddy Kalas

Motion to table approved

Additional info received (11/14/12): Required for the GRD major (if students are not GRD & Bus Adm – Marketing double majors). This course does not count toward the BUSN major. This course is designed for non-business majors only. Business students won't be allowed to take this course.

F. BUSN 328 Consumer Behavior (with Russian trip)

Discussion: “G” suffix was applied for. GenEd did NOT approve it as of 11/15/12.

Motion to approve course: Ellen Hay

Seconded: David Dehnel

All approved

G. POLS 335 The Financial Crisis

Discussion: “PS” suffix is awaiting approval from Gen Ed.

Motion to approve course: Tim Bloser

Seconded: Greg Domski

All approved

H. COMM 410 Communication, Time, and Technology (Holden Village)

Discussion: This course already exists. The PS suffix was approved through GenEd. The course title/number will be discussed with the Registrar

Action: EPC Chair will forward to Senate

I. Senior Inquiry EPC Subcommittee White Paper to EPC for review

See Old Business: Sept. 4, Sept.11, Oct. 16

Meeting was called to a close before discussion of this item, again – move to next meeting agenda

Further Discussion: A daily academic calendar was submitted to EPC for review and consideration. After a brief discussion and concerns with classroom availability and labs, recommendation was made to return to Academic Dean for more information.

Motion to adjourn meeting 5:50 p.m.

Next Meeting Tuesday Nov. 20, 2012