

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES

WEEK 8; Tuesday April 24, 2012; in Swenson Hall of Geosciences, conference room (#103)

Members in attendance: Greg Domski, Kristen Douglas, Rob Elflin, Ann Ericson, Liesl Fowler, Ellen Hay, Taddy Kalas, Darien Marion-Burton, Catherine McDermott, Cameron Onumah, Douglas Parvin, Mark Vincent, Joe Bright

Others Present: Tim Bloser, Laura Hartman, Gail Parsons

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Committee Member Mark Vincent

I. Minutes from April 17, 2012 meeting:

Motion to approve: Darien Marion-Burton seconded: Catherine McDermott
All Approved

II. Old Business:

December 14, 2010

Further Discussion to be noted on future Agenda:

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

April 17, 2012

Ethics Minor proposal

Discussion:

- Has this minor been vetted by Division and department?
- To what department will this minor be attached?
- Was this minor developed and approved by a department?

Action:

- Request Laura Hartman or Tim Bloser meet with EPC for further discussion
- Move to next meeting agenda

III. New Business

A. Consent Agenda from GenEd: nothing

B. see old business (April 17, 2012) Ethics Minor proposal
Professors Tim Bloser and Laura Hartman were present to respond to questions from EPC.
Ethics Minor Proposal update submitted to EPC.

Discussion:

- Some law schools are requesting, in the continuing education courses, 3 credits of ethics courses.
- This course did receive approval of Division
- The double-dipping was not a concern of EPC – other minors in existence encourage double dipping

EPC Suggested recommendations:

2. c. change “cheap” to inexpensive
3. b. Request change: ... bulk of the minor will review the petitions and submit proposed changes through governance process.

All approved

- C EDUC 411: Teaching Reading in the Content Areas (2 cr)
Note: EPC approved EDUC 412 (the 3-credit version) last year; EDUC 412 will be taught for the first time next year.

All approved

- D. Service-Learning (S-L) designation for RELG 207 Christian Scriptures
Action: It is important the Registrar's Office is notified which sections will have the S-L designation. The S-L will be noted on the section in WebAdvisor to not cause confusion. Also, it is recommended that the course instructor notes the S-L on the syllabus for the students.

All approved

Note: Governance timeline: Tradition of the last Senate meeting is not for regular business items, but to start process for next year. Timeline was sent to faculty chairs in November that all courses and programs approved through governance were to be approved at the last (April) Senate meeting. Question: Does approval of programs require being submitted two times to Senate: one to be in the submitted materials to Senate and two, next Senate meeting for discussion. It is important to be noted that the courses submitted for approval after the last (April) Senate meeting will not be eligible until the 2013-2014 academic year (unless specifically voted . Request to have EPC Chair contact steering committee regarding this process approval.

Place on agenda the voting for EPC chair for 2012-2013 academic year.

Motion to adjourn meeting 4:50 p.m. All approved

Next Meeting: 4:30 p.m., May 1, 2012 (LAST 2011-12 MEETING)
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