

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES

WEEK 5; Tuesday September 18, 2012; in Swenson Hall of Geosciences, conference room (#103)

Members in attendance: Darien Marion-Burton, Catherine McDermott, Danilo Bruno, David Dehnel, Ellen Hay, Greg Domski, Kristin Douglas, Michael Wolf, Robert Elfline, Taddy Kalas, Tim Bloser, Umme Al-Wazedi,

Others Present: Gail Parsons

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

I. Minutes from September 11, 2012 meeting:

Motion to approve: Ellen Hay

seconded: Darien Marion-Burton

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

September 4, 2012

EPC Chair reminded members to be proactive and submit concerns to the Chair to be included on Agenda.

Concerns to be considered:

1. Review definition of on-line and blended learning (Greg Domski will report on the Sloan definition to help define Augustana definition)
2. Adopting learning goals
3. What is the part of EPC to aid with College learning outcomes process
4. Will EPC be consulted by the college to help develop course learning objectives
Aid in proposing a structure to process learning objectives, preparing forms for assessment, propose assessment tools to be used – should a committee be established to focus on assessment
5. How is Senior Inquiry monitored and is there a common model
Are students benefiting from experience of Senior Inquiry
How are faculty prepared to aid students in Senior Inquiry
Do all departments have common expectations
Is Senior Inquiry uniform across campus
Is time spent on Senior Inquiry comparable in all departments

Ellen Hay will forward student focus information to EPC Chair for review

August 28, 2012

C. new course ACCT 203: Advanced Spreadsheet Applications (5 weeks, 1 cr)

Drs. John Delaney and Daniel Conway were present

(See prior minutes for full details)

Action:

The EPC Committee has moved to table. EPC Chair has requested that instructors work with Ellen Hay (Chair of Assessment Committee) to improve:

- how the course outcomes are to be evaluated, assessed and measured

Action to table: Ellen Hay seconded: Rob Elfline

Motion to table approved by majority

September 4, 2012

Ellen Hay met with John Delaney to request more detail of learning objectives and assessment goals for ACCT 203. She shared some on-line examples of processes to evaluate goals and student participation for on-line courses. She offered to meet again if needed.

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EPC Chair will contact John Delaney and Daniel Conway to check progress of course ACCT 203 and request course be submitted to meet deadline for Senate approval, and if approved, be entered into Webadvisor for winter registration.

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A. Discussion for Senior Inquiry

- Background

Research of offering SI Funded through Teagle Foundation

Worked with Wooster, Allegheny and Washington College to review their Senior Inquiry experience

3 year grant / for 2 years a number of pre-post survey of both students and faculty, focus groups of students, faculty and administrators. President Bahls felt we were well situated as a Liberal Arts college to promote student research through SI

- Concern:

Faculty workloads and faculty staffing / What is the required number of students

Would administration consider removing SI from departments

Students with double majors may select to do only one SI

Students overload of more than one SI in same term

Should every student be required SI

How ambitious is SI to be for students

Is this to be a reflection of what the student is to do in the profession of the major / What is the reflection component

Disparity in projects can happen between departments and within departments

What is the goal of Senior Inquiry

Is this an undergraduate research program

How many terms should be considered for SI

Should SI be rigorous and substantial in-depth of focus in the major

Encourage common requirements across departments

What are standards of SI

Departments have not articulated purpose for how SI fits within their programs

Costs of Research for SI

Is there ongoing monitoring within departments and established structure for SI

Is SI a skill demonstrating that inquiry skill in the major

Is SI in-depth into one particular topic

Is the SI substantial in meaning and impact

Is there a need for public presentations of SI

- Action

Currently there is no SI committee

Establish policy of SI and consider another committee to monitor SI

To select members of EPC to draft a new charge for SI policy that will be brought back to EPC

Committee for review and discussion. Proposed consideration of committee will be setting guidelines

for SI, request Division representatives to review SI, and should a committee be formed to oversee SI.

Also, it was mentioned the committee would consult with the Natural Science and Fine Arts Divisions for input.

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

All Approved

III. New Business

- A. Consent Agenda from GenEd: none

- B. Academic calendar approval for 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19 years is being considered so that we may reserve graduation dates for Augustana College Commencement at the *i Wireless Center* in Moline, IL.

After discussion, EPC Committee is submitting the following recommendation to Senate: Continuation of the current calendar through the academic year 2018-2019 to confirm Commencement dates for contract with the *i Wireless Center*.

Motion to approve current academic calendar through 2018-2019 for graduation dates to be submitted to *i Wireless Center* : Taddy Kalas seconded: David Dehnel
abstain:Tim Bloser

Motion moved

NOTE: See OLD Business: August 28, C; September 18, 2012

Motion to adjourn meeting 5:20 p.m.

Next Meeting Tuesday September 25, 2012