

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

WEEK 2; Tuesday November 20, 2012; in Founders' Hall , Basement Meeting Room

Members in attendance: Mike Wolf, Darien Marion-Burton, Chris Marme, Umme Al-Wazedi, Tim Bloser, David Dehnel, Greg Domski, Kristin Douglas, Rob Elflin, Liesl Fowler, Ellen Hay, Taddy Kalas, Catherine McDermott, Rowen Schussheim-Anderson

Others Present: Gail Parsons

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by Committee Chair Mike Wolf

**I. Minutes** from November 13, 2012 meeting:

Motion: Catherine McDermott           seconded: Darien Marion-Burton  
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**

**New revisions completed 10/18/12**

**Nov. 13, 2012**

**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**

**Motion to table: Mike Wolf**

**Seconded: David Dehnel**

**Motion to table approved**

**New revisions completed 11/15/12: paragraph omitted**

**November 20, 2012**

**Discussion:**

- **SHOULD THAT POLICY STATEMENT PARAGRAPH BE OMITTED ??**

- On-line courses offer choices for students with limited access
- Active military are taking on-line courses
- Enforcing policy of on-line courses is difficult because often an institution does not indicate if the course is on-line
- What standards will Augustana maintain regarding acceptance of on-line courses?
- If on-line courses are limited or not accepted, will students elect to attend another institution?

Action: EPC has requested the Registrar research other institutions accepting on-line course and report back to the Committee

**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

Academic Affairs is re-evaluating data on this issue and will make a new proposal in the future.

**E. BUSN 320 Marketing for Creative Professionals**

**Discussion:**

- Course does not indicate any prerequisites but priority would be given to students with business majors
- 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

New revisions completed 11/15/12

Approval of the submitted new revisions with the addition of the following statement:

**NOT TO BE TAKEN BY BUSINESS MAJORS**

Motion to untable: Catherine McDermott    seconded: Darien Marion-Burton

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

All approved

**III. New Business**

Agenda of October 23, 2012, New Business E. Augustana 2013 Summer Calendar:

Due to time, the Summer 2013 Calendar was an email vote to the EPC Committee. The approval of the EPC Committee was submitted by EPC Chair for the Senate meeting November 6, 2012. This will be reflected in the Summary of Actions to Senate on Nov. 20, 2012.

A. Consent Agenda from GenEd:

LSFY 103 Morality and Artificial Intelligence (Deke Gould)

LSFY 103 Comic Books-A liberal Arts Education in Four Colors (Paul Weissburg)

PH for MUSC 401: Music of Faith: Some Images of Jesus (Deborah Dakin)

PS for ~~SOGI-SOC~~ 3XX: Immigrants: Beyond a Border (Peter Kivisto)

(course number to be discussed with Registrar)

~~PL for CLAS 365: Angels & Demons-Paganism and Christianity in the Literature of Late Antiquity (Mischa Hooker)~~

**(No "new course proposal" form submitted yet! Will hold forwarding of PL until proper form comes to EPC).**

~~**PS for POLS 335 The Financial Crisis (Weissburg)**~~

**(PS suffix has not been approved by GenEd) Request department contact Registrar to consider course number change for POLS 335)**

- B. New course ~~SOEI~~ SOC 3XX: Immigrants: Beyond a Border (Peter Kivisto)  
Discussion: The "D" suffix has not been submitted for approval.  
Course is approved and request department contact Registrar to develop a course number.  
Motion: Ellen Hay                      Seconded: Catherine McDermott  
All Approved
- C. English Dept. SI statement regarding double-majors  
Discussion: Currently many departments make considerations for students with double majors. Once a decision has been made which department will direct the SI, a note is submitted to the Registrar's office and a code is placed on the student's record to confirm the decision and that the SI requirement is fulfilled for graduation requirements.
- At this time, EPC Committee is not recommending a policy or catalog statement.  
No motion
- D. EDUC special topics courses (270 & 370)  
Motion: Ellen Hay                      Seconded: David Dehnel  
All Approved
- E. Daily schedule  
Noted time corrections to be made on Grid "F" and forward to Senate for the 2013-2014 Academic calendar.  
Motion to approve Daily Grid "F" and forward to Senate: Mike Wolf    seconded: Tim Bloser  
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- F. Senior Inquiry EPC SubCommittee White Paper to EPC for review  
Meeting called for time. Move to next EPC meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting 5:40 p.m.

Next Meeting November 27, 2012  
Founders' Hall Basement Meeting Room