

# EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Week 10: Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014

**Members in attendance:** Ellen Hay, Taddy Kalas, Reuben Heine, Tim Bloser, Ann Ericson, Dave Dehnel, Umme Al-wazedi, Greg Dowski, Shara Stough, Darien Marion-Burton, Jeff Ratliff-Crain,

**Others present:** Shanan Pettifer, Carrie Hough and Dara Wegman-Geedey

EPC Meeting started at 4:34 pm

- I. **Minutes from Feb. 4, 2014**, noted spelling error correction made: Moved by Ellen Hay, second by Ann Ericson; all in favor; minutes approved
- II. **Consent Agenda from General Education:** None
- III. **Old Business:** None
- IV. **New Business:**

## A. **Public Health Major/Minor Proposal**

Carrie Hough and Dara Wegman-Geedey attended EPC meeting to answer any questions. Supporting material: Public Health Major Proposal, new course proposals with syllabi, syllabi for existing courses that are part of the program.

Here are some points raised in the discussion:

1. Questions were raised about accreditation. That might be a long term goal; Augustana does not need to become accredited in order for students to go to grad school.
2. Why have it?
  - moving students who begin pre-med and struggle in chemistry into more suitable programs
  - good to combine with other majors
3. Will the students come here? We don't have particular data on potential demand. Enthusiasm in Founders is more directed toward retention of ex-premeds than recruitment.
4. The interdisciplinary character of the major helps alleviate it overspecialization of students early in their career.
5. Will this create demand for immunology and its pre-requisites?
6. Math 315 can be added for the stat requirement.

7. SI and double majors? SI is built into the new major (community based/internship), so students will need to do a PH SI.
8. The new hire will be affiliated with PH not another department, and will supervise SI. Carrie is the acting chair.
9. Date of start for the program depends on the hire.
10. Is there sufficient depth? Core is Intro Public Health, epidemiology (with stats prereq), ethics course and SI. Populations and prevention are the central foci. We don't have resources for the Franklin and Marshall model. Our core courses mirror those in MPH programs. Specialization will come at Masters level.
11. The new hire could add depth with 300 level courses.
12. A Community feel among the students is lacking in some interdisciplinary programs. How to do it? Get a budget.
13. For the learning outcomes: don't you need cell bio? Students will be advised to bulk up if they want to go on.
14. The Administration approved the search to hire tenure track; job description does say depending on approval of major

The proposal is to be carried over to the next EPC meeting.

- B. New Course: GEOG 374 Introduction to GIS with Social Science and Business Applications.** Supporting Material: Recommendation to add a course form and syllabus.

Motion to approve: Ellen Hay

Second by: Greg Domski

All in favor, motion approved

- C. New Course: GRMN 212 Culture of Austria.** Supporting Material: Recommendation to add a course form and syllabus.

Motion to approve: Taddy Kalas

Second by: Umme Al-wazedi

All in favor, motion approved

Motion to adjourn meeting @ 5:40 p.m.

Next EPC meeting, Tuesday, March 11, 2014 @ 4:30 in Old Main Room #127