

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Tuesday April 27, 2010; in Founders' Hellstedt room

Members in attendance: Lindsey Bell, Patrick Crawford, Kristin Douglas, Ann Ericson, Liesl Fowler, Katie Hanson, Rick Jaeschke, Douglas Parvin, Mark Vincent, Mike Wolf, Jeanneth Vazquez

Excused: Jeff Abernathy, Bob Haak

Unexcused: Faria Ahmed, Kent Barnds, Nick Wedderspoon

Others Present: Gail Parsons, Allison Haskill

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m. by Committee Chair Mike Wolf
EPC was informed that Allison Haskill, Communications Sciences and Disorders will be the representative for the General Education Committee for the academic year 2010-2011.

I. Minutes: Approval of minutes from April 20, 2010 meeting

Motion to approve: Rick Jaeschke

seconded: Mark Vincent

All Approved

II. Old Business:

March 23, 2010

Revisited: "Recommendation to add a course" webpage

The EPC Committee is requested to review the suggested modifications handout and submit changes to the EPC chair. It is recommended that attention be made to clarification of process submitting a course, Department responsibility, Committees and consistency be considered.

Recommendations and considerations: for details, see last week's agenda.

April 6, 2010

No further modifications received by Committee Chair

March 30, 2010

Department Chairs were sent the "Recommendation to Add a Course" form for review and input consideration. EPC chair will compile the recommendations and changes and submit to the EPC Committee.

Discussion: The EPC Committee recommended to contact ITS about a "Recommendation to Add a Course" form that could be saved on-line to complete at a later time similar to the FAFSA and student application forms.

MBW working with Brad Isbell to rectify this problem.

April 27, 2010

ITS is reconstructing the Augustana Campus/Forms and Documents site to locate the "Recommendation to Add a Course" form for the 2010-2011 academic year. The Ages site will have information about the form, with hopes of a link to the location of the form.

March 30, 2010

B. LSC 250 Vocational Exploration and Research (1cr) (Augspurger)

Discussion: Consideration for LSC 250 to be included within a department. Recommendation was made to contact the Communication Department to consider this course as a course within the COMM department. A second consideration is for LSC to be considered within the Religion Department.

Motion to table: Patrick Crawford

seconded: Katie Hanson

Motion to table approved

MBW sent a memo to COMM dept. which will discuss the request at their spring dept. meeting.

April 13, 2010

Discussion:

- First Service Learning, Learning Community Module

- Gen. Ed supportive of this module
- COMM384 (1 cr) is the Service Learning portion helping students find community projects
- SOC206 (3 cr)
- What is the definition of a “service learning” course?
(Guidelines are currently located on “AGES” site)
- Courses are not being approved for “service learning” stand alone
- Approved courses are sought as components of a “service learning” learning community
- “service learning” has only been defined within a Learning Community
- Where are courses to be designated for “service learning”
(Gen. Ed. first approached CVR about “service learning” in an attempt to have more Learning Communities)
- Designate in catalog “service learning” by course to be used for advising and recruitment tool
- Definition of “service learning” needed
- What are the “service learning” courses and where or how are they listed?
- Recommend a suffix indicating “service learning”
- How do we institutionalize “service learning” courses
- Within text of course description in catalog to qualify “service learning”
- Contact Rebecca Poock, Center for Vocational Reflection, about information regarding “service learning” and definition

Action: Request the guidelines be presented to EPC for review and possible use as a foundation for review of further requests for “service learning” courses.

III. New Business

A. Housing of LSC 250 and LSC 201

Discussion:

- Students are currently registering for LSC 201 for fall term 2010-2011; this course is an English comp. course for transfer students. Though it will be listed in the catalog under a separate LSC section, it is housed in the English Dept. (and staffed by English Dept. instructors who assign the grades).
- Gen. Ed. will consider if they want LSC 250 (a course designed to help students find a vocation/major) housed in the LS section (and overseen by Gen.Ed). How will it be listed in the catalog?

B. In-Progress (IP) status for Honors courses

Change the standard IP time-table from 3 terms to 1 term + 30 days for Honors courses

Note: The ability to assign IP grades in a course must be approved through governance prior to the teaching of that course.

Motion to Approve: Ann Ericson

Seconded: Lindsey Bell

All Approved

C. Discussion of MBW draft document “Guidelines for Service-Learning”

Discussion:

- Recommendation to change section Augustana College courses...
#6 – “1-3 credits” to “Amount of *Service-learning* credits vary”
- Recommend a statement that will indicate “Service-learning is not to be confused with Volunteerism”
- Request to define “Civic Responsibility”
- Section 1-6: recommend must have recognition of civic responsibility and recommendation to include that civic responsibility must be demonstrated

Action:

Motion to table and return to Gen.Ed to consider definition of “Civic Responsibility” and items considered in discussion: Patrick Crawford

Seconded: Rick Jaeschke

Other Discussion:

- **Request to contact Academic Deans' office re: information about on-line courses.**
- **Will the courses need to be approved through governance: Yes, at least GPG approval for this upcoming summer's course.**
- **Concern with grading results of on-line vs. classroom participation**
- **Would on-line courses be considered, within the guidelines of foreign term courses, for approval**

Motion to adjourn meeting 5:20 p.m.: Lindsey Bell seconded: Rick Jaeschke

Next EPC Meeting: May 4, 2010; 4:30 P.M.; Hellstedt