

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES

WEEK 9; Tuesday May 1, 2012; in Swenson Hall of Geosciences, conference room (#103)

Members in attendance: Greg Domski, Kristen Douglas, Ann Ericson, Taddy Kalas, Darien Marion-Burton, Catherine McDermott, Douglas Parvin, Mark Vincent, Michael Wolf, Joe Wood, Joe Bright, Rowen Schussheim-Anderson, Ellen Hay

Others Present: Gail Parsons

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Committee Chair Mike Wolf

I. Minutes from April 24, 2012 meeting:

Motion to approve: Joe Wood seconded: Joe Bright
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

III. New Business

A. Consent Agenda from GenEd: LC for RELG 203/371 & RELG 388
PH for RELG 309 (Judaism)

EPC Chair will move forward to Senate

B. Vote for 2012-2013 EPC Chair

Discussion:

- Nomination and Rules committee verified there is no formal process for electing EPC chair in the by-laws. It is necessary to elect a Chair each year. At this time, EPC has decided to nominate and elect the chair at the final meeting of the Academic year. The agenda will note the vote for EPC chair and minutes will reflect results.

The nomination and vote for Chair was unanimous – Dr. Michael Wolf will chair EPC for the 2012-2013 Academic year. All approved

Discussion:

- It is not the concern of EPC to approve a course, or deny approving a course, because of cost or staffing. A suggestion to consider adding information on the form for new course, major, minor and program, to suggest Departments communicate proposal to Academic Dean's office to discuss staffing concerns before submitting to governance for approval.
- Each student representative, to the EPC committee, must be from different divisions.
- Questions were raised about the on-line catalog being declared official. What is the official document for students to review for graduation requirements and declaration of major and minors? With the updating of information in the catalog, is the student given a printed version to maintain for their time at Augustana, and if a student chooses to remain with an earlier version or elects to move to an updated version, how is the advisor to know which catalog the student will be reviewed for graduation?

Motion to adjourn meeting 5:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: next academic year !!!

We say Good-bye to Mark Vincent and Doug Parvin. They have done their time.
You will be missed.