EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

WEEK 10; Tuesday October 23, 2012; in Swenson Hall of Geosciences, conference room (#103)

<u>Members in attendance:</u> Mike Wolf, Catherine McDermott, Danilo Bruno, David Dehnel, Ellen Hay, Greg Domski, Kristin Douglas, Liesl Fowler, Robert Elfline, Rowen Schussheim-Anderson, Taddy Kalas, Tim Bloser, Umme Al-Wazedi, Chris Marme <u>Others Present</u>: Jennifer Horrell, Lisa Seidlitz, Gail Parsons

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

I. Minutes from October 16, 2012 meeting:

Motion: Ellen Hay seconded: David Dehnel 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 Address the Definitions of Blended-Learning & Online Learning (MBW draft 10.11.12)

http://etcjournal.com/2012/01/22/sloan-cs-definition-of-online-course-may-be-out-of-sync-withreality/

http://www.rit.edu/provost/sites/rit.edu.provost/files/2011_report_on_online_learning_at_rit_fina 1_0.doc.

Discussion:

- Can only apply definition of "blended learning" to new courses.
- MBW draft 10.11.12 change language:

"Blended-Learning course (BL): a course in which some significant content ... environment and some significant ...

OnLine learning course (OL): a course where substantially all of the content is delivered using technology, and there are no required F2F meetings. Some courses may be asynchronous or synchronous (needs to be defined)

 EPC Committee would like to develop a definition for future approval of new courses Action: The EPC Committee requested Registrar Liesl Fowler to submit new language for review of the definition in the catalog for "Correspondence or distance coursework."
Committee moved to Table New revisions completed 10/18/12

September 4, 2012 Senior Inquiry

September 11, 2012 continued discussion of SI

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

Oct. 16: SI Committee will submit copy for review to EPC members for next EPC meeting Oct. 23.

Sept. 25, 2012

ECON Senior Inquiry change (with ECON 407 & 409 additions)

Action:Motion to refer back to Economics Department: David Dehnelseconded: Taddy KalasMotion to refer back to department approved

III. New Business

A. Consent Agenda from GenEd:

LSFY 102 Ellis Island (Al-wazedi) Course will be forwarded to Senate by EPC Chair

B. German & Scandinavian programs review

Discussion: Lisa Seidlitz and Jennifer Horrell were present to respond to questions of the proposed program.

Questions and concerns:

- Is the EPC Committee to approve the structure and idea of the listed courses?
- Course numbers will be discussed with the Registrar's office before they are sent through governance for approval
- Will the culture courses be taught by instructors with genuine expertise of the subject?
- Concern with the noted variety of courses and the small department It is possible to modify proposed list of courses ?
- Total staff for next year is 3 faculty (one faculty to be hired)
- List the courses that will be rotated and how often they will be offered.
- Has there been review of models from other institutions offering German and Scandinavian Studies ?
- Are the number of courses necessitated by constraints could there be some trimming of the amount of course offerings ?
- Is there a possibility of cross-listed courses with other departments
- Concern with learning perspectives
- How many students will be required to fill courses ?
- Are English courses created to attract non majors ?
- Noted LSFY not built into the course listings
- Is there a possibility of a Learning Community ?

Action: EPC Committee members were asked to contact Dean Lawrence with their concerns and questions of the guidelines requested of the German and Scandinavian departments new program.

Motion: Ellen HaySeconded: Taddy Kalas3 Abstain1 NoMotion moved

Meeting ended at 5:30 pm at this point.

- 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) Moved to next EPC meeting
- D. Self-designed Minor requirements Moved to next EPC meeting
- E. Augustana Summer 2013 calendar EPC Chair will send to Committee to request review and approval.

- F. First-year student restrictions for 300- & 400-level courses Moved to next EPC meeting
- G. Final Exam Group Petitions (info will be presented on Tues. by Registrar) No motion required. This is an administrative decision that has been forwarded For information only.
- H. Senior Inquiry EPC SubCommittee White Paper to EPC for review See Old Business: Sept. 4, Sept.11, Oct. 16 Moved to next EPC meeting

Additional Discussion:

Discussion and Action: It was reaffirmed that courses requiring Service-Learning designations may be reviewed and moved through the Governance Prep Group when necessary.

Motion to adjourn meeting 5:35 p.m. Have a great Fall Break

Next Meeting Tuesday Nov. 13, 2012