

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday November 30, 2010; in Founders' Hellstedt room

Members in attendance: Louie Bertenshaw, Patrick Crawford, Liesl Fowler, Bob Haak, Katie Hanson, Allison Haskill, Rick Jaeschke, Karalyn Jevaney, Taddy Kalas, Catherine McDermott, Mark Vincent, Ritva Williams, Michael Wolf, Benjamin Zimmerman

Not Present: Charles Hyser, Douglas Parvin

Others Present: Gail Parsons

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Committee Chair Mike Wolf.

I. Minutes: Approval of minutes from November 23, 2010 meeting

Motion to approve: Louie Bertenshaw seconded: Mark Vincent
All Approved

II. Old Business:

October 5, 2010 D. Japanese 301

Discussion:

- GPG (Governing Prep Group) approved for winter term of academic year 2010-2011.
- Course is housed in Asian languages
- Approval of Division not indicated on Recommendation to Add a Course form.

Action: EPC recommends this course be submitted to Division and resubmitted through governance for approval.

Motion to table: Rick Jaeschke

seconded: Louie Bertenshaw

Motion to table approved

III. New Business

A. Japanese 301 and 302 (Nagase) (See Old Business above)

Additional information noted: Augustana Sophomores, interested in study abroad in Asia, will be eligible to apply for funding through the Friestat Center beginning academic year 2011-2012.

Motion to approve: Taddy Kalas seconded: Louie Bertenshaw

All Approved

B. Classics 311 (Day)

Discussion:

- Noted course to be completed during summer
- Noted: Graduating seniors that have not met graduation requirements will be moved to summer graduation upon completion of course
- What term and academic year will the course be offered?
- Request to submit all documents in a single file
- Recommend to table and return to GenEd for consideration of G & PP suffixes
- Foreign studies committee has approved the course

Action: Motion to Table with recommendation to send to Gen Ed and request course submitted as a single file to GenEd:Taddy Kalas seconded: Catherine McDermott

Motion to table approved

C. English 315G (Al-wazedi)

Discussion:

- This course is part of a Learning Community / both courses have been approved by GEN Ed –Additional course and LC will be submitted for approval at next EPC meeting
- ENGL 315 has previously been approved with PL suffix
- GenEd approved G suffix for a section of the ENGL315 topics courses
- Will topic rotate?

- This is a Literature topics course: if a topic is a different course that has not been approved with a G suffix it will be required to go through governance. If it is a repeated G suffix course it does not require to be approved
- Concern with writers outside of borders being included in G suffix

Motion to approve ENGL 315G: Benjamin Zimmerman seconded: Taddy Kalas
All Approved

D. Mon Dieu! Viva la French SI (Kalas) (FREN 442)

Discussion:

- One credit course addition to Senior Inquiry

Motion to approve: Mark Vincent seconded: Patrick Crawford
All Approved

E. Additional Discussion: at candidate presentation of Dean, a question was presented to the Dean Candidate regarding blended learning courses as it applies to current Augustana faculty teaching Augustana students. Concern with moving forward on this topic.

- Define blended learning, distance learning, on-line learning
- Development of on-line course in process?
- Is there recommendation to move forward from the Board
- Is faculty committee aware of this move
- Is there intention to make these courses available to non Augustana students
- Is this being considered for summer courses (only)
- Will this be considered for current courses or new courses
- Concern with contact hours and faculty load / suggest required contact hours and definition of contact hours
- Concern with certification of student identity issues and security
- Will all courses be required to come through governance
- Can an existing course change to a distance learning course without governance approval?
- Are courses being currently taught at Augustana that would meet criteria of blended, on-line or distance learning courses
- What are we delivering as an institution
- Financial issues

Action:

- **Recommend EPC has voice in conversation about definition and creation of blended, distance, on-line courses**
- **Survey faculty**
- **Request EPC members submit questions to Mark Vincent to prepare survey**
- **Survey results of peer institutions offering on-line, blended, distance courses**
- **Seek information regarding issues of current on-line, blended or distance learning courses at other institutions**
- **Request faculty that have been involved in distance, on-line or blended courses to submit input**

Also Noted: Students are inquiring about Graphic Design Major. At this time, the major has been approved, but enough courses have not been approved for completion of the major.

Motion to adjourn meeting 5:30 p.m.: Karalyn Jevaney seconded: Catherine McDermott
All Approved

Next EPC Meeting December 6, 2010
4:30 p.m. Hellstedt