EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday October 25, 2011; in Swenson Hall of Geosciences, conference room (#103)

Members in attendance: Tim Bloser, Joe Bright, Greg Domski, Ann Ericson, Liesl Fowler, Bob Haak, Ellen Hay, Taddy Kalas, Kathleen Nannenhorn, Cameron Onumah, Mark Vincent Michael Wolf

Others Present: Connie Ghinazzi, Gail Parsons

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. by Committee Chair Mike Wolf.

I. Minutes from October 11, 2011 meeting:

Motion to approve: Joe Bright seconded: Tim Bloser

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 for GenEd material No material submitted from Gen Ed.
- B. New course: ECON 351: Environmental Economics

Motion to approve: Joe Bright Seconded: Ann Ericson

All Approved

C. 2012-13 Calendar change

Discussion:

Connie Ghinazzi was present to respond to questions regarding the addition of the Community Symposium dates to the proposed 2012-2013 calendar.

- Cause for change: Renovation of Old Main and loss of room usage
- Cabinet has approved removal of Chapel time for one year
- Classes will not be held on proposed symposium dates
- Suggested two keynote speakers for each date with alternate activities (discussion group possibilities)
- Three different themes for the year
- Propose entire campus community involved

Concerns:

- How to require students to attend
- Concern with relevance to students and to courses
- Faculty commitment to student involvement at symposium
- Will this be less variety of speakers for the year
- Faculty concern with loss of lab time
- How do we support "Augie Reads"
- Calendar change and daily schedule change will change faculty meetings
- How will the proposed symposium dates effect Athletics

Motion to approve the proposed daily schedule and calendar change for the academic year 2012-2013 Motion to approve: Kathleen Nannenhorn Seconded: Ann Ericson All Approved

D. 2013-14 Calendar reconsideration Motion to approve: Tim Bloser All Approved

Seconded: Kathleen Nannenhorn

Further Discussion re: Blended Learning

Oct. 11, 2011 EPC Minutes: ACTION: EPC Chair will forward proposal to the Department Chairs meeting, including faculty members Stephen Klien, Robert Tallitsch, John Delaney and Ryan White, in consideration for their response to questions and answers from the EPC committee. The proposal will then be forwarded to Senate.

Motion to adjourn meeting 5:31 p.m.: Kathleen Nannenhorn Seconded: Joe Bright

Next Meeting: 4:30 p.m., November 15, 2011 Swenson Hall of Geosciences, conference room (#103)