

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

January 27, 2009

4:30 – 5:30 PM

Hellstedt Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Jeff Abernathy, John Cairns, Liesl Fowler, Katie Hanson, Stephanie Hortsman, Rick Jaeschke, Taddy Kalas, Adam Kaul, Mary Koski, Michael Wolf

Guests Present: Jon Clauss, Heidi Storl

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM.

AGENDA ITEM I – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 13, 2009 Educational Policies Committee meeting were accepted after changing the wording as follows in italics: B) Learning Community section: “.....learning community proposal *is composed* of two courses....”.

AGENDA ITEM II – NEW BUSINESS

A. New Course Requests

Motion-Wolf, Second-Jaeschke APPROVED

“To approve the following new course requests as presented:

- 1) LSFY 103: Contemporary World Literature and our “Moral Imagination” [Malech]**
- 2) RELG 325: Environmental Ethics (PH)**
- 3) SPAN 315: Spanish Phonetics and Phonology**

B. Asian Studies Senior Inquiry

This item was removed from consideration until EPC’s representative on the Senior Inquiry Committee can be present (Ritva Williams).

C. German Department Major and Minor Revisions

Motion-Wolf, Second-Hortsman APPROVED

“To approve the German Department Major and Minor Revisions as presented.”

D. SPC Recommendation for changes in Policy Statements

Motion-Wolf, Second-Kalas APPROVED

“To approve two policy changes recommended by Evelyn Campbell and approved by SPC as presented: 1) academic action standards and 2) academic and athletic policy regarding probation and eligibility:

- **For first-year students with no prior history of academic probation and who meet the GPA requirements currently resulting in Suspend for Academic Reasons, a new category titled *Deferred Suspend for Academic Reasons* will be added.**
- **Change the 1.75 policy for athletic eligibility to 1.7 in order to match the academic standard for continued enrollment.”**

AGENDA ITEM III – OLD BUSINESS

A. Holden Village 2009-2010 as a Learning Community

Motion-Wolf, Second-Kaul APPROVED

“To approve Holden Village “A Journey toward Community” 2009-2010 as a Learning Community as presented.”

B. Proposal “G” and “D” Suffixes New Definitions

Motion-Kaul, Second-Jaeschke APPROVED

“To approve the new definitions for G and D suffixes dated 12/8/08 as presented.”

C. General Education Authority for General Education Proposals

The committee readdressed the issue whether the General Education Committee should be given the authority to approve general education proposals and then those would go on for approval directly to Faculty Senate, bypassing Educational Policies Committee. The committee asked if the only advantage to this would be time savings, and Jeff assured them that this is the only reason to make the change. Some felt that they often question proposals passed by General Education, and feel that EPC’s role in the approval process is still crucial, and that if bypassed, Faculty Senate meetings would more time-consuming. No motion was made.

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Koski