

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

October 28, 2008

4:30 – 5:30 PM

Hellstedt Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Jeff Abernathy, John Cairns, Dan Cortis, Patrick Crawford, Ann Ericson, Rick Jaeschke, Taddy Kalas, Adam Kaul, Mary Koski, Josh Morgan, Michael Wolf

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

AGENDA ITEM I – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 21, 2008 Educational Policies Committee meeting were accepted.

AGENDA ITEM II – OLD BUSINESS

A. Learning Perspectives Approval

A motion was made:

Motion-Crawford, Second-Ericson APPROVED

“To approve the following learning perspectives as presented:

MJMC 213: News Literacy for a PH

SPCM 322/MJMC 322: Communication Theory III: Medial and Social Influence for a PS.”

AGENDA ITEM III – NEW BUSINESS

A. LSFY 103 Conversions/New Courses

The only discussion on the LSFY 103 conversions/new courses was to note likely typographical errors in the course syllabi for The Postmodern World of Harry Potter, and for Borderlands, Bordercrossers. These findings will be forwarded to the appropriate instructor.

A motion was made:

Motion-Kaul, Second-Crawford APPROVED

“To approve the conversion of LS112 to LSFY 103-The Postmodern World of Harry Potter, and to approve new LSFY 103 courses: Risk and Rationality: Decision Making in a Diverse and changing World; Borderlands, Bordercrossers; and Self, Community and Identity in Multi-Ethnic America as presented.”

B. Environmental Studies Major Proposal - REMOVED FROM AGENDA pending Division Approval

C. Holden Term Proposal - TABLED

Because the International Studies committee felt that Holden term was outside of their scope, all Holden proposals will be coming to EPC for approval. Jeff reminded EPC it is his hope that in the future Nominations and Rules redefines the International Studies Committee and that this task reverts back to them. To Jeff's knowledge there will be no other Holden proposals coming. Gen Ed has not yet seen this proposal to approve it as a learning community. The EPC members felt that this proposal should go through the Gen Ed Committee first so that it's status as a learning community or not has been established.

D. West Africa Term Proposal and Recommendation to Add a Course - TABLED

EPC also decided to wait on this proposal and recommendation to add a course until the Gen Ed Committee has looked at the material.

E. Degrees by Major Handout

A handout was given in response to the conversations about what 17 year olds are interested in majoring in. This will give a sense as Augustana considers new majors and what the potential demand for them will be. The statistics on trends was interesting (i.e. more interest in foreign language, but less in computer science), but much of the information seemed broad. Jeff will see if Tim Schermer can narrow the information down more, indicating that it might be more helpful to Tim if he were looking up specific majors. A suggestion for interesting data might be to find statistics of students who indicate their major preference prior to beginning college, and of those, how many graduate with that same major. Another creative way to use this data is to see what popular majors are and use current instructors in other disciplines to share their expertise in new majors we may offer. Also of importance would be to get statistics from students taking the ACT. Jeff will get updated information for use at a future discussion of this topic.

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Koski