

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

October 6, 2009

4:30 – 5:30 PM

Geosciences Conference Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Jeff Abernathy, Kent Barnds, Patrick Crawford, Ann Ericson, Liesl Fowler, Bill Hammer, Katie Hanson, Rick Jaeschke, Taddy Kalas, Adam Kaul, Sven Steen, Mark Vincent, Ritva Williams
Guests Present: Mary Koski

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

AGENDA ITEMS I AND II – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 22, 2009 Educational Policies Committee meeting were approved as presented.

The minutes of the September 29, 2009 Educational Policies Committee meeting were approved as presented.

AGENDA ITEM III – NEW BUSINESS

1. HIST 147: History of African Women [PP, G]

A motion was made:

“To approve a PP and G for HIST 147: History of African Women as presented.”

Motion-Hammer, Second-Kaul APPROVED

AGENDA ITEM IV – OLD BUSINESS

- A. New Program/Major Proposals

1. Graphic Design and Communication

Should this new program be approved, it would involve one faculty new hire, serving both as an instructor and as a recruitment champion for the new major. This program would be housed in Olin 110. Positively received by the committee was that the dept. proposes just a major initially and adding a minor at a later time.

A motion was made:

“To confirm EPC’s interest in seeing Part II of the Art Department’s proposal for a Graphic Design and Communication program.”

Motion-Crawford, Second-Kaul APPROVED

2. Creative Writing

It was noted that the fiction and poetry faculty would be the “recruitment champions” for this new major. Also noted that the Department chair has not signed off approval of this proposal. Before next EPC meeting it should be made clear if the new major is replacing ENGW.

A motion was made:

“To confirm EPC’s interest in seeing Part II of the English Department’s proposal for a Graphic Design and Communication program contingent upon departmental approval.”

Motion-Hammer, Second-Kaul APPROVED

3. Engineering Physics

If approved, this major would involve one faculty new hire with a Ph.D. in engineering or physics who has extensive experience in the field; however it is not expected to be tenure-track position. Concerns: 1) whether or not this major would offer courses that the student would have to repeat later in graduate school; 2) the issue of 3/2 programs—not benefitting from four years of a student’s tuition; 3) cost of putting together a lab—need to carefully analyze; hardest of all the new proposals to get a recruiting champion. Hiring an engineering who can “speak engineering” would positively change the dynamics of the department and would strengthen the major we have now. EPC would like department chair to speak about this at next meeting.

A motion was made:

“To confirm EPC’s interest in seeing Part II of the Physics Department’s proposal for an Engineering Physics program.”

Motion-Hammer, Second-Crawford APPROVED

4. International Business

If approved, this program would involve one faculty new hire to replace Mukesh Sud. Someone with international experience is not required, as the faculty teaching that are in place. The reason this new major is being offered is because it is more marketable to prospective students than a degree in business with a minor in foreign language. A concern was expressed that students would not have to take foreign language if they passed the proficiency test. The department is satisfied with a demonstration of proficiency.

A motion was made:

“To confirm EPC’s interest in seeing Part II of the Business Administration Department’s proposal for an International Business program.”

Motion-Jaeschke, Second-Kalas APPROVED

5. Music Composition

This program would provide another avenue for something besides education or performance in music. Many students are taking as private lessons the two new courses that would be implemented in this new program. As noted in the music department’s review currently going on, most undergraduate schools have courses in composition. David Davies is eager and willing to be the “recruitment champion”. The committee decided to continue discussion of this proposal at the next meeting, due to lack of time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Koski