

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

Minutes

Tuesday December 1, 2009

4:30 – 5:30 PM

Hellstedt Room

Members in attendance: Jeff Abernathy, Liesl Fowler, Kristin Douglas, Mark Vincent, Patrick Crawford, Ann Ericson, Lindsey Bell, Rick Jaeschke, Taddy Kalas, Ritva Williams, Michael Wolf, Katie Hanson

Excused: Adam Kaul

Unexcused: Kent Barnds, Faria Ahmed, Sven Steen, Nick Wedderspoon

Others Present: Gail Parsons

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by Committee Chair Michael Wolf

Minutes: Approval of minutes from November 24, 2009 meeting

Motion to approve: Ann Ericson **seconded: Patrick Crawford**

All Approved

Old Business:

A. THEA225 (revised syllabus)

Motion to approve: Rick Jaeschke **seconded: Taddy Kalas**

All Approved

B. PA for THEA225

Motion to approve: Ritva Williams **seconded: Rick Jaeschke**

All Approved

C. LC (THEA 225 & AR101) From Drawing to Appia's Stage Design

Action: EPC Committee requested the Registrar contact Learning Community instructors, Parboosingh and P. Xiao, to make a title change for the Learning Community to reinforce the General Education Committee format.

Motion to approve: Ann Ericson **seconded: Rick Jaeschke**

All Approved

Note: On 12/2/09 Xiao confirmed a title change to: Drawing and Appia's New Stage

D. MUSC320-David Davies-Orchestration and Arranging (2 credit)

MUSC330- David Davies – Perspectives on New Music (2 credit)

Action: EPC denied LP (PA) for MUSC320 and MUSC330 on Nov. 24, 2009. The required courses, without the LP, were submitted to the General Education Committee for course approval in May awaiting approval of the major. The major was approved. On December 1, 2009, it was brought to the attention of the EPC Chair, MUSC320 and MUSC330, had not been forwarded to EPC and were awaiting approval. A request was made for motion to approve MUSC320 and MUSC330.

Motion to approve: Taddy Kalas **Seconded: Rick Jaeschke**

All Approved

New Business:**A. Consideration of French Dept.'s Senior Inquiry**

Action: Upon review of "Senior Inquiry in French" proposal, it was noted FREN442, a one credit course had not been submitted to EPC for approval. A request was made to contact the French Department to submit a course approval form.

Motion to approve: Patrick Crawford seconded: Ann Ericson

All Approved

For Discussion:**A. Teagle Foundation Pilot Project**

The EPC Chair asked for comments from the Dean

Noted comments:

- Augustana has received 3 Teagle grants in the last 6 years.
- Conversation with six colleges
- Terms about faculty development
Challenge of the burden on faculty
How to measure faculty work with student learning
- Talks about student learning
Senior Capstone
- New Curriculum: process writing, international conversation.
undergraduate research, service learning, investigative laboratories
- Achieve the American Baccalaureate
- How to come at what we do in a different way
- New models for a Liberal education
- Ways to address questions
- Working across 7 colleges to offer different experiences & to build on what we already know
- First Pilot to emerge will be next year (if approved by committees and Senate)
Students take a 12 credit experience for a term
Two faculty will teach 9 credits of load each for 3 courses over a term
A pilot course is being developed for next year with the Biology and Geography Depts.
to establish learning goals and a class that will build on learning communities

B. Guidelines for course submissions to EPC discussion

Action: A recommendation was made of the EPC members to submit suggestions to improve guidelines for course approval to the EPC Chair for the December 8, 2009, meeting. Information will be compiled and submitted to the Committee for discussion. It was also recommended, at a later date, language be drafted for the web, a web location designated for access by the faculty and a systematic memo sent each term as a reminder for course deadline approval.

The Governing Prep Group (GPG) is attempting to simplify course submission deadlines stated on the web in various places. The goal is to have a permanent designated week each term for course submission that will make it possible for a course to complete the required process through committees and to be submitted to Senate by mid-term. This timing would make it possible for the course to be entered on Webadvisor for faculty and students to review for the next term. As authorized by Senate, the GPG will be able to approve late courses that miss the deadline (on a 1-time basis). It was also noted that, although unusual, a motion to approve a course may come to the floor of

the Senate for approval if normal committee deadlines have not been met.

Move to adjourn

Motion to approve: Taddy Kalas

seconded: Rick Jaeschke

All Approved

Next EPC Meeting : December 8, 2009 4:30 P.M. Hellstedt