

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

December 2, 2008

4:30 – 5:30 PM

Hellstedt Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Jeff Abernathy, John Cairns, Dan Corts, Ann Ericson, Stephanie Hortsman, Rick Jaeschke, Taddy Kalas, Adam Kaul, Mary Koski, Josh Morgan, Sven Steen, Michael Wolf

Guest Present: David Ellis

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

AGENDA ITEM I – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of November 25, 2008 Educational Policies Committee meeting were accepted.

AGENDA ITEM II – NEW BUSINESS

History Department Revised Major & Minor Curricula Proposal

David Ellis brief the committee that the revised History major is designed to correct the areas of concern revealed in the current major/minor, as outlined in his proposal. David was asked about the place of Senior Inquiry in Assessment. He said the department has ambitious plans for reading of papers has plans to take collective works of students' portfolios. The committee was pleased with the foreign language requirement for the History honors majors, but suggested that the proficiency exam take place after students matriculate at Augustana. David will work with the department chair to incorporate language to this effect into the proposal.

Motion-Kalas, Second-Wolf APPROVED

“To approve the History Department Revised Major & Minor and the following new courses:

HIST 200: Gateway: Introduction to Historical Research

HIST 481: Senior Inquiry: Research Methods

HIST 482: Senior Inquiry: Research Tutorial

**HIST 490: Senior Inquiry: History Teaching and Learning
as presented.”**

General Education

The Evergreen Proposal was submitted by Gen Ed for EPC's approval. The issue of funding was not incorporated into this proposal. An interim funding plan of a \$1,000 stipend for each faculty

member for the coming year is in place (compared to \$500 per faculty member in the past). The issue of funding will be revisited after the coming year.

The end discussion resulted in moving a few of the “common components” down to the “optional/suggested components” so as to give faculty desiring to teach learning communities as they have traditionally done in the past, the opportunity to without having to do them differently.

Motion-Wolf, Second-Jaeschke APPROVED

“To approve the Evergreen proposal as amended:

- 1) Change the name of “Optional Components” to “Suggested Components”**
- 2) Move the “One common text” and “Out of class experience” requirements OUT of “Common Components” and INTO “Suggested Components”.**

Honors as a Learning Community

Gen Ed and the Honors Committee endorsed awarding a learning community to students that have completed the second-year Honors course. There was strong sentiment expressed to not consider this request. The ‘Honors Program’ then became the topic of conversation. Some members felt that the Honors program did not have the same integration with the campus as a whole as does the LS sequences. It is felt that the Honors students set themselves apart from the general education community and intentionally do not participate in general education experiences intended for the entire Augustana student body. The committee agreed with Jeff to extend an invitation to Jon Clauss to present the Honors Program to them, which will give them an opportunity to ask questions raised in this conversation.

Motion-Morgan, Second-Jaeschke TABLED

“To TABLE the Honors Program as a Learning Community proposal until hearing a presentation of the Honors Program.”

SPCM 206: Small Group Communication

Motion-Corts, Second-Wolf APPROVED

“To allow variable credit for SPCM 206: Small Group Communication as presented.”

Religious Holiday Policy

Motion-Corts, Second-Kalas APPROVED

“To approve the Religious Holiday Policy as presented.”

AGENDA ITEM III – OLD BUSINESS

Political Science Department Senior Inquiry Proposal

Dr. Farrar provided additional detail about the items EPC questioned last week and satisfied the concerns the committee had.

Motion-Hortsman, Second-Morgan APPROVED

“To approve the Political Science Department Senior Inquiry Proposal as amended and to approve new course POLS 375: Special Topics in Political Science as presented.”

New Course Request - ISS 200: Cultural Realities: Living in the Quad Cities

Kim Tunncliff provided additional detail about the items in question to the committee and satisfied their concerns.

Motion-Corts, Second-Kaul APPROVED

“To approve ISS 200: Cultural Realities: Living in the Quad Cities as an IP, one-credit course as presented.”

Contract Major Discussion

Riley MacDonald has presented her final Ethnobotany Contract Major Proposal and she satisfactorily addressed the concerns of the committee.

Motion-Wolf, Second-Kaul APPROVED

“To approve Riley MacDonald’s Ethnobotany Contract Major as revised.”

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Koski