

## **EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE**

December 9, 2008

4:30 – 5:30 PM

Hellstedt Room

### **MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Jeff Abernathy, John Cairns, Ann Ericson, Liesl Fowler, Katie Hanson, Stephanie Hortsman, Rick Jaeschke, Taddy Kalas, Mary Koski, Nancy Loitz, Josh Morgan, Sven Steen, Michael Wolf

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

As the meeting was coming to order, Jeff asked the committee to think about whether or not we should modify the approval process for general education proposals. Authority to approve general education items would be placed with the General Education Committee. EPC would not need to act upon these items, and final approval would rest with Faculty Senate. EPC would continue to approve new courses, senior inquiry, new majors, etc. This would eliminate repetitive work and streamline the approval process. The committee was asked to contemplate this idea, and it will be on the January 13<sup>th</sup> agenda for discussion.

At this time, Agenda Item 2.E. was removed, as this is an internal Registrar's Office concern.

#### **AGENDA ITEM I – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**The minutes of December 2, 2008 Educational Policies Committee meeting were accepted.**

#### **AGENDA ITEM II – NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Final Exam Policy Revision**

The main change to the policy is changing the deadline to submit a petition request from the Monday of Week 10 to the Friday of Week 7. Language was also added to clarify #10 of the document.

**Motion-Jaeschke, Second-Steen APPROVED**

**“To approve the Final Exam Policy change recommendations as presented.”**

##### **B. Increase in Course Substitutions & Waivers Concern**

Liesl Fowler wanted the committee to be aware of increasing numbers of course substitutions and waivers that were coming through her office. If this becomes too burdensome for her staff, this item will be brought back to EPC for policy change.

### C. New Course Requests

Item #5: RELG 379 for a PP & G was removed from consideration at this time as the document was not electronically transmitted to all committee members. It was also noted to change the word "Geology" to "Geography" in the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph on page 2 of the ENGL 150's recommendation to add a course proposal form.

**Motion-Wolf, Second-Ericson APPROVED**

**"To approve the following new course requests as follows and to approve their respective learning perspectives and suffixes as presented pending Gen Ed approval:**

**ASIA 200: Gateway: Introduction to Asian Studies**

**ENGL 150: Summer Course for Gifted H.S. Students**

**ENGL 239: Women in Literature (PL)**

**RELG 378: Muslim Literary Worlds: Classical Sufi Texts for Learning Communities  
(PL & G)**

**CLAS 360: Religions of Greece and Rome (PH)**

**PHIL 328: Selves, Souls, and Persons (PP)."**

### D. Learning Community Requests

**Motion-Kalas, Second-Ericson APPROVED**

**"To approve the following learning community requests as presented pending Gen Ed approval:**

1. *The Human Search for the Spiritual in Poetry, Film, Fiction, and Non-Fiction*  
RELG 378 (Muslim Literary Worlds: Classical Sufi Texts for Learning Communities and ENGL 309 (The Sacred and the Profane)
2. *Jesus and the Gods in the Greco-Roman World*  
RELG 360 (Jesus of Nazareth)  
CLAS 360 (Religions of Greece and Rome)
3. *Understanding (Your) Self*  
PHIL 328: Selves, Souls, and Persons  
SOC 329: Self and Society
4. *A Dramatic Look at the Adolescent Experience*  
THEA 142: Acting I  
PSYC 214: Adolescent Development."

### **AGENDA ITEM III – OLD BUSINESS**

#### A. Holden Proposal

The Holden proposal is before EPC not as a learning community proposal, but as an off-campus experiential course. This proposal was submitted in response to Jeff's call for non-international experiential terms. The first five weeks will be held on campus; the second five weeks at Holden. A concern was raised that the committee would like Nancy Loitz to check on, and that is, what about students who have already had the Theatre course or either of the English classes; they would not be able to enroll in Holden which would limit the number of students applying for this experience .

**Motion-Hortsman, Second-Wolf APPROVED**

**“To approve Holden term: A Journey Toward Community for the 2009-2010 academic year without the learning community designation.”**

#### Announcements

Jeff thanked the committee once again for their work in getting the new Environmental major passed. Admissions is confident this will have a positive impact on their recruiting efforts.

An announcement was made of the significant budget cuts being made throughout the college. This impacts EPC in that catering will no longer be offered at meetings. Jeff hopes to find another way to express his thanks to the committee, and offered his apologies.

There will not be an EPC meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Jeff hopes that all faculty can attend a recruiting workshop by Kent Barnds at 4:00 that day. The next EPC meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Koski