

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

February 10, 2009

4:30 – 5:30 PM

Hellstedt Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Jeff Abernathy, John Cairns, Kirsten Day, Liesl Fowler, Stephanie Hortsman, Rick Jaeschke, Taddy Kalas, Adam Kaul, Josh Morgan, Mary Koski, Sven Steen, Michael Wolf

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

AGENDA ITEM I – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 3, 2009 Educational Policies Committee meeting were accepted as presented.

It was agreed that the Academic Affairs office will send materials in a more timely fashion per the committee's request.

AGENDA ITEM II – NEW BUSINESS

A. New Course Requests

Motion-Wolf, Second-Morgan APPROVED

“To approve the following new course requests:

CHEM 110: Cooking is Chemistry for a PN

LSFY 103: Shaping Women's Lives: Structures and Stories [Kalas]

LSFY 103: Come Together: How Pop Music Became the Voice of the People [Lewis]

LSFY 103: Found in Translation: Poetic Translation and the Creation of the Other [Rosenberg]

LSFY 103: American Diversity: Reading Recent American Short Stories [Erickson]

as presented.”

B. Suffix Requests

Liesl Fowler commented for the record that requests to add suffixes to courses to be used for only one term should come to the General Education Committee and Educational Policies Committee as new course requests, because once a suffix is added to a course, it remains with the course. She will make an administrative change for the suffix request being considered today (ENGL 208 for a D) and name this section ENGL 208D.

It was felt that the ENGL 354 syllabus presented for a suffix approval did not have much detail. The committee would like to see more information, what the readings are, etc. Jeff will relay this concern to the instructor and will have a revised syllabus before the course goes to faculty senate.

Motion-Wolf, Second-Steen APPROVED

“To approve the following suffix requests:

ENGL 208D: Dimensions of Literature for a D

ENGL 354: Empire and Outsiders for a G.”

C. Learning Community Request

The General Education Committee viewed this proposal as they would an international term and passed it as a learning community accordingly.

It was asked what the instructor meant in the Language Requirement section... “minimum of third-year German before....” on page 2 of the proposal. Did he mean 300-level or 3rd year. Jeff will ask Dr. Vivian to make this clarification before the faculty senate meeting.

Motion-Wolf, Second-Hortsman APPROVED

“To approve 2009 Fall Term Wittenberg, Germany as a Learning Community as presented.”

D. EPC Motion to Faculty Senate Regarding Late Approval Process

Because of the instances when late business goes through the approval process Jeff suggested the following motion to bring before faculty senate:

“The Educational Policies Committee (EPC) moves that the Faculty Senate empower the General Education Committee and EPC to approve those rare course proposals for an upcoming term received after the final Senate meeting of the current/preceding term. Any such action will be reported to Senate at its next meeting.”

It was suggested to change the word empower to authorize.

Motion-Kalas, Second-Jaeschke APPROVED

“The Educational Policies Committee (EPC) moves that the Faculty Senate authorize the General Education Committee and EPC to approve those rare course proposals for an upcoming term received after the final Senate meeting of the current/preceding term. Any such action will be reported to Senate at its next meeting.”

AGENDA ITEM III – OLD BUSINESS

Honors as a learning community is being revisited to clarify the intention of the General Education and Educational Policies Committee to have it effective retroactively to those students enrolled in the 2008-2009 academic year and beyond.

Motion-Day, Second-Cairns APPROVED

“To approve that the completion of the Honors Program through the 200-level course, HONR 2XX, be counted as a Learning Community, to be applied retroactively.”

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Koski