

## **EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE**

February 3, 2009

4:30 – 5:30 PM

Hellstedt Room

### **MINUTES**

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

**Guests Present:** Bob Haak

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

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

**The minutes of January 27, 2009 Educational Policies Committee meeting were accepted after revising “Gen Ed” to “General Education”.**

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

##### **A. Asian Studies Senior Inquiry Proposal**

The committee wondered whether the department had ever considered making it a requirement that students travel to Asia as part of this major. It was thought that the department has considered this idea, however, it would be difficult to enforce in situations where there needed to be an exception to the requirement. All foreign departments are encouraged to promote travel.

**Motion-Kaul, Second-Wolf APPROVED**

**“To approve the Asian Studies Senior Inquiry Proposal as presented.”**

##### **B. Psychology Major Change**

An inquiry was made if the Psychology Department has a mechanism to have a reflective component built in the major for students who will be substituting another 300- or 400-level course for SI in psychology (because they completed an SI project in another major). The process the psychology department goes through was explained by a student member, that being a reflective essay-writing process that continues through the student’s senior year, up until the end of winter term, where the student writes their final reflective essay. It was felt that the opportunities for reflection in this major are more than adequate.

**Motion-Wolf, Second-Kalas APPROVED**

**“To approve the Psychology Department’s change in requirements for the major in the following way: If a student completes a Senior Inquiry project in another major, they may substitute another 3-credit 300- or 400-level class for Senior Inquiry in psychology.”**

Information Items

Margaret Farrar is the new Associate Dean in charge of General Education and Assessment areas of General Education. She will be working in this capacity part-time in the spring. Nancy Loitz has taken a faculty role in Theatre for spring term. We are grateful for her contributions.

Michael Augspurger was hired as the new Director of Advising, replacing Bill Coker who is retiring. Mike will start his new duties on March 9, 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Koski