

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

September 15, 2009

4:30 – 5:30 PM

Hellstedt Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Faria Ahmed, Jeff Abernathy, Lindsey Bell, Patrick Crawford, Ann Ericson, Bill Hammer, Katie Hanson, Rick Jaeschke, Taddy Kalas, Adam Kaul, Sven Steen, Mark Vincent, Nick Wedderspoon, Ritva Williams

Guests Present: Kristin Douglas, Bob Haak, Mary Koski

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

AGENDA ITEM I – DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The committee met without the chair, administration or staff; Kristin Douglas was present.

A motion was made:

“To change the leadership of the Educational Policies Committee from the academic dean to a faculty member. The committee also strongly recommends to administration that the faculty chair of EPC be given a three-credit release, as the Gen Ed Chair receives, taking over responsibility for both preparing agendas and handling materials, and administrative support from Academic Affairs for taking minutes.”

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

AGENDA ITEM II – MINUTES. The minutes will be reviewed on September 22nd.

AGENDA ITEM III – OLD BUSINESS

A. **New Program Proposal Guidelines**

Suggested changes to the form:

- Remove P. Crawford’s phone number
- Add under Part One: “Limit to one-page narrative in abstract outline form and briefly respond to the issues in Part Two”
- Add sentence about Faculty Senate included in approval process
- Add signature line(s) for interdisciplinary departmental approval and indicate that any affected department should be consulted and have signature of approval
- Add sentence that proposals are welcome any time in the year

The October 1st and 15th deadlines were discussed, as some felt they didn’t give departments enough time, however after discussion it was felt that the deadlines should no change in order for EPC and Faculty Senate enough time to review them. Jeff also indicated that while we have established this process in order to vet a number of proposals at once, EPC would welcome proposals for new programs at any time during the year.

A motion was made:

“To approve Strategic Programs Proposal Guidelines and Proposal form with minor changes.”
Move-Crawford, Second-Williams APPROVED

B. Community College Transfer

Clarification to the previously passed audit for transfer students was provided to the committee, which explains that the Registrar's office will extend this agreement to students earning an AA or AS degrees from other community colleges when their curricula similarly reflects the broad range of general education requirements at Augustana College on a case-by-case basis.

AGENDA ITEM IV – NEW BUSINESS

A. New Course/LP Requests

The following were **not** considered at the meeting due to a lack of time:

LSFY 102: Japanese Narrative Art: From Prince Genji to Princess Mononoke [Gunji]

LSFY 102: From Common Man to Super Man [Arbesú]

LSFY 103: Music in Film [Davies]

4. LSFY 100: Academic Practices in Liberal Studies [Johnson]

The Retention Committee asked Virginia Johnson to envision a two-credit course due to the many cases of first-year students dropping one of their classes and going below full-time. It was decided to make this an LSFY course to involve more faculty and so the course couldn't be claimed for major courses. If passed, this course would begin in week 6 of Fall Term 2009-2010. This course does not replace LSFY 101 or 102. It is expected to benefit approximately 15 mostly first-year students.

A motion was made:

“To approve LSFY 100: Academic Practices in Liberal Studies as presented to be effective Fall Term 2009-2010.”

Move-Kaul, Second-Kalas APPROVED

Prior to adjournment, Jeff Abernathy announced that the two LSFY 102 courses would be sent to EPC for electronic vote on September 16, 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Koski