

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

September 29, 2009

4:30 – 5:30 PM

Hellstedt Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Jeff Abernathy, Lindsey Bell, Patrick Crawford, Ann Ericson, Liesl Fowler, Bill Hammer, Katie Hanson, Rick Jaeschke, Adam Kaul, Sven Steen, Mark Vincent, Ritva Williams

Guests Present: Kristin Douglas, Bob Haak, Mary Koski

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

AGENDA ITEM I – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 22, 2009 Educational Policies Committee meeting will be presented for approval at the next meeting

AGENDA ITEM II – NEW BUSINESS

A.1 WGST 380: Women’s Writing in Latin America [PL, G]

The committee suggested the course description be changed as follows:

Currently: “This course is an investigation into selected topics about women and women’s or gender issues.....”

Change to: “This course is an investigation into selected topics about women, women’s issues, and/or gender issues.....”

A motion was made:

“To approve WGST 380: Women’s Writing in Latin America for a PL and a G as revised.”

Motion-Jaeschke, Second-Crawford APPROVED

A.2 LSFY 102: From Christianity to Colonialism: African Cultures Under Siege

Kristin Douglas informed EPC that prior to Gen Ed approval of this course they recommended to the instructor to incorporate the required convocations into the proposal. This course will be co-instructed with Margaret Morse, as Todd Cleveland will be out of the country for a portion of the time.

A motion was made:

“To approve LSFY 102: From Christianity to Colonialism: African Cultures Under Siege as presented.”

Motion-Kaul, Second-Hammer APPROVED

B. Information about Evergreen II from Gen Ed

Gen Ed plans to present an Evergreen II document to EPC by October 13, 2009 which will broaden the definition of learning communities dramatically. New ideas include: counting interdisciplinary majors and minors as a LC; combining courses with choir or symphonic band. This will also be a topic of discussion on Friday Conversations October 23, 2009, at a faculty forum on October 29, 2009, and finally presented before Faculty Senate on November 19, 2009.

C. Need to approve programs/areas of study

The chair asked the question of whether or not all changes to the catalog need to go through EPC. The committee agreed that EPC is the faculty governance body in charge of maintaining the integrity of the academic program, and as such, should see all catalog changes. This discussion then led to how the Augustana website's "public face" should match the catalog, especially in the area of "areas of study" and "majors". Many on the committee felt that these two areas should be separated on the website. While it is understood that the website as it is currently set up serves a marketing tool, the committee feels further discussion, at least in regards to the "areas of study" resembling the catalog is warranted. Mark will invite Kent Barnds to an upcoming EPC meeting to share his perspective.

D. Broader discussion of new programs: process and criteria

Jeff requested that the committee consider evaluating the full proposal in Graphic Design and Communication before other full proposals. The administration considers the graphic design proposal a priority. EPC committed themselves to reading this proposal once it arrives, presuming the committee does request a full proposal. Mark will invite Kent Barnds to give his opinion. The committee also requested Jeff provide any guidelines to help the committee interpret cost of new programs, additional faculty requirements, curricular issues, relationship to mission of college, etc. if available.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Koski