Educational Policy Committee (EPC) November 7, 2012

Present: Provost Cindy Speaker (chair); Professors Linda Lohn, Ted Lossowski, Thomas Stiadle, Susan Tabrizi and student representative Jeremiah Miller

The meeting began at 10:33 a.m.

The minutes of the October 31st meeting were approved.

The committee discussed and approved keeping the current template of the academic calendar year starting August 29, 2013 and ending May 17, 2014.

A robust discussion regarding the template used for the open meeting of October 24, 2012 revolved around defining and compacting the institutional values. Some of the terms were too abstract and difficult to determine exactly what they represent. Other terms within the institutional values were questioned speculating if they should be considered as responsibilities or values. A recommendation of deleting the value terms Knowledge and Appreciation, numbers 7 and 8 respectively, as they are both implied in value number 6, Learning (in the liberal arts tradition and believing that with knowledge and experience come wisdom and greater understanding of yourself and surroundings).

The committee then deliberated on how and where to include suggestions that were made at the open meeting such as our responsibility of sustainability. The meeting concluded with the chair indicating that we would continue this discussion next week and that we should go over the list of values and decide which should be considered values and which should be responsibilities.

We then adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore Lossowski