

Educational Policy Committee (EPC)

October 18, 2011

Present: Professors Cynthia J Koepp, Ted Lossowski, Sally Sievers, Susan Tabrizi; student member Jeremiah Miller '14; and Provost Cindy Speaker (Chair)

Meeting began at 9:30.

1. Minutes from October 4, 2011 were approved as submitted.

2. Continuation of SC work

Additional feedback on Celebrate Scholarship and Engagement Days.

There seems to be significant support for having Wells 190 internship participants do poster sessions and folio presentations on their internships. Most divisions seem on board with that plan. Some senior thesis/project presentations could also be scheduled for February CSE days in those majors (like History) whose students complete that work in the Fall.

Cindy will review earlier EPC notes on capstone experiences across the majors.

This year it looks possible to connect these days to Earth Day and Activism Symposium. Not sure if we will be able to link a CSE to Beckman Lecture this year since the speaker/date are not yet announced.

We also have established some over arching ideas/themes (see below). These are intended to be flexible. We are thinking that the evening before a given CSE day would be appropriate for scheduling related events, such as a “kick-off” or keynote address, community dinner, performance, etc.

Although EPC is responsible for setting the actual date each year, the staffs of Academic and Student life (not faculty) will take on the chores of organizing these activities and taking care of details. We are expecting the faculty will be involved and providing their input, but the actual logistics of CSE days are not meant to be an additional burden placed on faculty.

Tentative dates (with possible themes) for the CSE days for 2012:

1. Tuesday February 7 “Civil Rights and Liberties”
2. Thursday, February 23 “Women and Gender”
3. Friday, March 9 The Activism Symposium
4. Wednesday, April 4 Creative projects celebration imagination and innovation
(still needs exact title)
5. Monday, April 23 (Earth Day, 4/22) “Sustainability”

We also discussed the possibility of organizing campus-wide work projects--such as a campus clean up, or constructing a Zen garden—as other community activities that could happen around Earth Day.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33am

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia J Koepp
Secretary pro tem