

Educational Policy Committee (EPC)

October 25, 2011

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

Meeting Started at 9:36

1: Minutes were approved as corrected

2: Continuation of SC work

A: celebrate scholarship and engagement days

i: The 4th day is to be called Imagination & Innovation.

ii: The question of who organizes these days was brought up, and it was determined that Phyllis Siemiatkowski and Rhonda Dellinger would be in charge of organizing the Scholarship Days, but the idea of a theme czar for each event was suggested. Susan Tabrizi volunteered for Civil Rights & Liberties. A list of other faculty and staff was created and they will be asked to head the other days. Tracy & an arts member for Imagination & Innovation. Ted will ask Tracy, Lisa Hall and possibly Cynthia Koepp for Women & Gender. It was also brought up that department chairs should be emailed about what the senior theses are so that presentations could be coordinated with specific days. Also, the student representative will go to Rep Council and formally invite students.

iii: Cindy will get dates on the master calendar so that interest will be generated and hopefully people will volunteer.

iv: Inform the planners that the days don't have to follow a formula and the theme is a guideline not a straight-jacket for what can be presented.

B: Pass Fail in themed seminars

i: The committee discussed the pros and cons of having the themed seminars. A consensus was not determined, but it appeared that most would end up agreeing to allow P/F in the themed seminar. It was argued that the themed seminars should follow the rules already laid out for classes, because that will keep processes consistent. Susan Tabrizi was the dissenting member stating that having the themed seminars offered as P/F may impact how seriously the seminars will be taken.

ii: A concern for what themed seminars count towards requirement was expressed, and it was suggested that the process of that being worked out is done through the registrar or the student's advisor.

3: Process for revising institutional and academic program goals (in the Catalog) Moved to next meeting.

4. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremiah Miller

Secretary pro temp