

Educational Policy Committee (EPC)
May 12, 2011

Present: Professors Siouxsie Easter, CJ Koepp, Ernie Olson, Tom Stiadle; Student Representative Alex Schloop '12; Provost Leslie Miller-Bernal (chair); and Associate Provost Cindy Speaker

The meeting began at 9:35 a.m.

1. Review of minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2011 meeting. Motion approved. During consideration of the minutes, Dean Miller-Bernal noted that the Cornell calendar will not be changing as was speculated at the last meeting.

2. Review of the Sustainable Community (SC) description for faculty consideration

The committee discussed the revised document distributed by Dean Miller-Bernal over the weekend. In addition to making suggestions for specific wording, the committee discussed the organization of the document. The committee also discussed possible issues that may be raised at the special faculty meeting on Tuesday (May 17th). Dean Miller-Bernal asked committee members to sit together at the front of the room during the faculty meeting in order to address questions.

3. Review of the draft e-mail to be sent to faculty

Dean Miller-Bernal distributed a draft of an e-mail that will be sent to faculty with the material in preparation for the special faculty meeting. The committee made some suggested revisions. Dean Miller-Bernal asked that members send any additional suggestions to her. She hopes to distribute the email and materials later today as concerns have been expressed by faculty that they have sufficient time to review the material prior to the meeting. It was recommended that in the e-mail to faculty that the specific day and time of the meeting is included as well as a reminder that the meeting is a special meeting and therefore is a single-item agenda meeting. Dean Miller-Bernal asked members that if they hear concerns from faculty in response to the materials distributed that they please share them with the committee via e-mail.

4. Review of the lists of courses to fulfill SC requirements

The committee discussed the various homework assignments members completed in which they reviewed the current course catalog to see which courses could fulfill different requirements (CAR, QR, SL, and activity courses). The committee agreed that the lists should be brought to the special faculty meeting in case questions are asked but that it was not necessary to distribute the lists prior to the meeting. The most variability in suggestions occurred with the CAR requirement. Members were asked to look at the original subcommittee report on CAR in order to have a fuller description of the requirement as it was conceptualized. It will be the responsibility of the Curriculum Committee to determine which courses fulfill which requirements.

5. Next Meeting

The committee agreed to meet again next Thursday, May 19, at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Speaker, Associate Provost for Academic and Student Life