

Educational Policy Committee (EPC)

February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

Present: Provost Cindy Speaker, Professors Niamh O'Leary, Jeanne Goddard, and Susan Wansor, Student Rep. Chris Castro

Call to Order: 1:50 pm

1. Approval of minutes from February 15<sup>th</sup>: Approved
2. Recap of Assessment Workshop:
  - a. Overall, workshop and groups went well
  - b. A lot of diverse questions were asked
  - c. Outcome was met overall
  - d. In the future, maybe meet with divisions focused conversation.
3. Gen. Ed. Curriculum
  - a. Will be sent out to the faculty for the Provost's Forum
  - b. Discussed ways of bringing it to the attention of the student body such as posting on the Facebook page and presenting at Student Assembly.
  - c. Both will be in hopes of receiving feedback and to give a brief explanation for the draft
    - i. Ex. Language requirement and its history – make it more diverse and interesting for students.
    - ii. Will be one of the more talked about items on the list
  - d. In regards to forum comments, want to have broader questions and talk about the big picture and lead into the more detailed questions eventually.
  - e. Email the minutes of the forum to faculty who could not be in attendance
  - f. Forum will be an hour and if needed, can plan another meeting
  - g. Stress that it is just a draft and not the final copy
  - h. Another topic that will be brought up is funding and the focus of writing within the draft.
  - i. In terms of students, put draft on globe for them to access and bring it up to Stephen Armstrong to present/say a few words on it at student assembly.
4. Request for Faculty Appointment Form
  - a. Needs to be detailed in results to make a decision
  - b. Suggested to move #s 3 and 4 to top of document
  - c. Clarify some language in the document
  - d. Remove the part time portion in #6; not asking for adjuncts
  - e. #7: remove
  - f. #9: remove – small enough to know
  - g. #10: what will they teach; emphasize an explanation
  - h. #11: How can you prove – most may be speculation (cut out the 1<sup>st</sup> question)

- i. #13: delete
- j. Note at bottom of document: delete “preferably”
- k. Have 2 weeks to fill out
- l. Future years: add a deadline by semester to get to provost
  - i. Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> for the fall, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> for the spring

Meeting End: 2:42

Minutes Submitted by: Christopher Castro ‘16