

Educational Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes November 6, 2013

Committee Members Present: Dr. Cindy Speaker, Provost and Dean of the College; Professors Lohn (committee chairperson), Lossowski, O'Neil and Tabrizi

The meeting began at 10:30am.

Minutes from the October 30, 2013 meeting approved with no objections.

1. Continued discussion of "capstone" experience. The committee agreed that the conceptualization of a senior course in the SC curriculum must be considered in the context of the larger senior experience. The idea from the original conceptualization coming out of the development of the SC curriculum by EPC was that seniors should have an in-depth major field experience as well as an interdisciplinary experience where they can apply their in-major expertise. The committee agreed that while the EPC document from 2011 can be used as a guide, it is not a binding model. The discussion turned to a consideration of the goal and model for comprehensive exams and whether they should be eliminated. Another topic discussed was the nature of majors including: the number of classes required, the substantive nature of the courses required and the ways in which majors could be reorganized. The committee agreed that more thought needs to be put into the interacting parts of the senior experience (capstone, thesis, comprehensive exams), the nature of the majors (substantively and in terms of number of required courses) and the SC curriculum.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary Pro Tempore