

Educational Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes 3/26/14

Committee Members in Attendance: Dr. Cindy Speaker, Provost and Dean of the College; Professor Linda Lohn, committee chair; Professors Lauren O'Neil, and Ted Lossowski; Student representative Shane Puskar.

The minutes from the March 19th meeting were approved with one minor change (from 'several typos' to 'a typo').

Agenda

1. Discussion of the position request from BCS
2. Continued discussion of the PRR responses

Discussion

1. The position request from BCS is to fill the recently vacated biologist position. Professor Lohn questioned the need to offer non-majors courses in the sciences which is included in the position request. Dean Speaker suggested changing the position request to include the responsibility of an SC 101 course in place of the non-majors biology course. The position request will be sent back to the division for approval of the change.
2. Professor Lohn echoed Professor Tabrizi's concern regarding the mechanism for crafting the responses to the PRR questions from the committee. The committee continued to discuss the 'major challenges and/or opportunities over the next five years' section of the PRR. Professor Lohn suggested that there are serious IT technologies on campus regarding use and access of resources. Shane discussed the writing ability of incoming students and how best to address this in the college's future.

The current list is as follows:

- Recruitment and retention
- A "healthy" faculty
- Information technologies use and access

The committee will use the minutes from this meeting and the past two meetings to craft a response to the PRR committee.

Agenda for Next Meeting

Notice of motion regarding change in faculty meeting time to be brought to the April faculty meeting.

Discussion of survey results.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren O'Neil

Secretary Pro Tempore