

Educational Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes 4/16/14

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

The minutes from the March 26th meeting were approved.

Agenda

1. Discussion of the position request from NMS
2. Continued discussion of the major survey

Discussion

1. The position request from NMS is for a visiting assistant professor in computer science and mathematics. The committee strongly approved the position after consideration of the number of majors and minors in the two areas, the number of courses in NMS that are taken by non-majors, and the great student interest in the two areas (Provost Speaker abstained). The committee also discussed the advisory committee's position on past position requests.
2. The committee discussed how the major survey results should be discussed in light of some of the responses (i.e. "see catalog"). Prof. Tabrizi suggested that the committee craft descriptions of 100-, 200-, and 300-level courses with the goal being greater consistency for faculty and students. Continued discussion of "what's a major" will include a focus on capstone courses (current 400-level courses) and the balance between breadth and depth.

Agenda for Next Meeting

Committee members will discuss short descriptions of 100-, 200-, and 300-level courses.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren O'Neil

Secretary Pro Tempore