

Educational Policy Committee (EPC)
September 15, 2015

Present: Provost Cindy Speaker, Professors Jeanne Goddard, Niamh O'Leary and Susan Wansor

Call to order: 12:03

1. Minutes from September 8, 2015 were approved
2. English Position Request
 - a. Discussion centered around the following areas:
 - i. English enrollments for the last 3 ½ years
 - ii. Curriculum needs
 - iii. Expertise in the major
 - iv. Addressing where the major is going
 - v. Overlap with other fields
 - vi. Where the major fits in the context of college's academic program as a whole
 - vii. Current positions
 - viii. Diversifying the faculty
 - ix. Financial situation of the college as a whole
 - x. Redesigning the major and looking at current course offerings
 - b. The committee does not support the request as proposed at this time. The committee suggests that the English faculty look at the following areas:
 - i. Ideas for revising the major
 - ii. Strategies to integrate with other majors
 - iii. The expertise of current full-time faculty in the major and areas that are lacking. For example, there is a noted need to teach writing across the curriculum.
3. Assessment Plans and Reports
 - a. Discussion focused on areas that appear to be an issue for many majors. These areas are as follows:
 - i. Understanding the difference between goals, objectives, and outcomes
 - ii. Understanding how to write measurable outcomes
 - iii. Understanding how to assess a program and collect purposeful data
 - b. Decisions
 - i. To give overall and individual feedback

- ii. To plan a workshop day in January to assist faculty with their assessment plan and report

Adjournment: 12:58

Next meeting: TBA

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Wansor