

Educational Policy Committee (EPC)

September 11, 2014

Present: Professors Linda Lohn, Lauren O'Neil, Susan Wansor; Student Representative Leslie Green '17; and Provost Cindy Speaker

The meeting began at 3:45 p.m.

1. Approval of meeting minutes from September 4, 2014 meeting.
2. Course levels
 - The definitions of the types of knowledge will be added to the beginning of the document.
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 - The 200 level course description was revised.
 - There was discussion of how the discipline should factor into the definitions of course levels and the 300 level course description was edited to reflect that discussion.
 - The 400 level course description will be revised to more accurately reflect the definition in Bloom's taxonomy.
 - Leslie raised concern about how this document may affect students' schedules. The faculty members on the committee feel that this would make student schedules more predictable and easier to navigate.
 - The document will be revised by the committee in hopes of presenting the document to curriculum committee at their next meeting (9/17).
3. Policies changes for faculty consideration
 - The committee will present notices of motion regarding the transfer credit policy and determination of internship credits policies in the faculty manual at the October meeting.
4. Sustainable community curriculum
 - The committee decided that revisions on the sustainable curriculum couldn't wait for the curricular review, even if it has major implications on staffing and current courses.
 - The implication of the course level document on the SC curriculum was discussed, particularly the "double-dipping" issues and pre-requisites for SC courses.

- The discussion focused on the possibility of creating SC 3XX courses focused on interdisciplinary ethical engagement (6-8 per year based upon current enrollment).
5. Assessment manual
- The committee discussed creation of a manual to be used by faculty to assess their classes, majors, programs, etc.
 - The manual is on the committee's agenda for this academic year.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lauren O'Neil