

Educational Policy Committee (EPC)

October 4, 2017

Present: Professors Desmond Cummins, Laura McClusky, and Katie Waugh (chair); and Provost Cindy Speaker

Meeting called to order at 4:05 pm

- I. September 27 minutes approved with corrections
- II. Discussion of the Academic Affairs budgeting process:
 - A. Review of College's budget request procedures and timeline
 - B. Clarification of the scope and interconnectedness of the Academic Affairs Budget:
 1. Programs included: Major & Minor Programs, Athletics, Academic Centers, Work Study, Library, Off-Campus Studies
 2. Discussion of some general areas of overlap (particularly: academic facilities and equipment that may fall under Buildings & Grounds' purview, or resources shared between multiple programs)
 3. Faculty committee members request to view academic affairs budget chart in the future for clarification
 - C. Discussion of appropriate budgetary role for Committee, as interpreted through mandate in Faculty Manual.
 1. Resource to Faculty:
 - a. Provide guidance to our colleagues on writing program budget requests.
 - b. Provide a faculty voice in budgetary concerns that directly impact academic programs.
 2. Long-Term Planning
 - a. Committee's mandate to work on long-term academic planning would connect with and help guide the Committee's budgetary role: Goals To be articulated and updated on a living document (such as a collective Google Document).
 - b. Faculty committee members can gain a more complete understanding of budget, viewing the budget by broader categories rather than solely from within the perspective of a single program area.
 3. Definition of Faculty Committee members' level of engagement:
 1. What kinds of decision making should faculty be involved with?
 2. Possible future open forum to receive feedback from colleagues
- III. Review of Committee's timeline and progress this semester:
 - A. Review of updated "Priorities List"
 - B. Determination that we should create an ongoing journal/document to focus collective sense of priority from year to year.
 - C. Review of calendar: Prioritization of on-going work according to time-sensitivity
 1. Academic Calendar needs quick attention (will discuss next week)
 2. Next Week: Review our report to be presented to the Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee.
 3. On-Going work: Next week we will check on status of and any further feedback on: A+ GPA, P/F Deadline, Independent Study deadline, and Independent Studies (with attention to the 3-classifications of independent study the committee has determined: : supplementary, Directed study, material completely outside of our curriculum)

Adjourned, 5:06 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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