

Educational Policy Committee

Dec. 13, 2017

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

Meeting began at 4:04 pm

1. December 6 meeting minutes approved as presented.
2. Continued Discussion of the Implementation of Gen Ed Curriculum:
The committee discussed need for policy in Faculty Manual to address issues pertaining to implementation of the new Gen Ed curriculum, in particular response to issues raised by Social Sciences division and discussed in Dec. 6 EPC meeting. Committee believes Curriculum Committee may be able to provide insight and recommendations on possible policy gaps as the curriculum is being implemented. As such, EPC will seek a joint meeting with Curriculum Committee in early Spring Semester. Committee also discussed related topics:
 1. EPC's role in interpreting and defining needs for hiring in Gen Ed areas
 2. Questions surrounding need for new courses and/v. modifying existing courses to adhere to the Gen Ed curriculum.
3. Continued discussion on Academic Schedule-related faculty deadlines:
Committee will seek information on deadline compliance, to determine whether structural or disciplinary impediments exist. Such evaluation may inform future academic schedule decisions. Specifically, committee will seek non-compliance data for upcoming end-of-semester grade submission deadline.
4. Review of Upcoming Priorities in Spring Semester:
 1. Full-Time Position Request Reviews: Early/first in semester
 2. Last Semester In-Residence Policies: Early/first in semester (urgent, due to implications on finances and increasing numbers of new students with prior credit)
 3. Procedures for determining Distinction in the Major: Later on in semester.
5. Next Semester Meeting Time Confirmed: Thursdays, 12:15—1:15

Adjourned, 4:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Waugh