

Minutes of the Educational Policy Committee (EPC)
November 24, 2015

Present: Provost Cindy Speaker, Faculty members Jeanne Goddard and Niamh O'Leary
Excused: Faculty member Susan Wansor, Student Rep. Chris Castro

Call to Order: 12:00PM

1. Minutes approved as corrected:

- Note that Susan Wansor volunteered to serve on the President's new Planning and Institutional Effectiveness Committee.
- Change wording for #a. ii. as follows: "General trend to move away from the language requirement to have a more broad range of choices that would fill a "global" requirement."

2. Gen. Ed. Curriculum, continued.

A. PE/Wellness requirement

- Should emphasize mind-body integration, and attention to nutrition and healthy lifestyle.
- Let go of the requirement for one physical activity course every year.
- Consider new title for the requirement, e.g., Mind- Body Wellness.
- Professor Goddard agreed to draft a set of learning goals for this requirement.

B. Technological Competency

- What skills, if any, would be relevant for all students?
- Refer this issue to the majors due to the wide range of technologies applicable to individual disciplines.
- Possibly use the guest residency program to provide training in specific programs.
- Writing requirement should also be referred to individual majors

C. Packaging for the Gen. Ed. Program

- Need title for the whole program ("Compass" "Road Map" "Wells 360")
- Gen. Ed. should provide: Breadth - Skills - Connections - Exposure - Shared Experience
- Number of bullet points in the current plan. Can categories be conflated - for example, the two main areas of essential skills and essential perspectives

3. The Community Read - General discussion of how to make the community read more effective.

- Establish a yearly theme and tie the community read to that theme
- Integrate more fully into classroom discussion, residence hall activities
- Base one writing assignment on that text

Next week (December 1) Library Director Carol Henderson will meet with EPC to discuss Gen. Ed. Program.

Adjournment: 1:00PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Goddard
Secretary pro tem