

Educational Policy Committee (EPC)

November 17, 2015

Present: Provost Cindy Speaker, Professors Jeanne Goddard, Niamh O’Leary, and Susan Wansor, Student Rep. Chris Castro

Call to Order: 12:03 pm

1. Approval of minutes with comments for change from November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015
2. Committee of planning and effectiveness (strategic planning) proposed by President Gibraltar.
  - a. One member of new committee should be a faculty member or the chair of EPC. Susan Wansor volunteered for the position.
  - b. Discussion of campus wide assessment committee
    - i. Agreement that EPC should be involved with the committee.
3. Gen Ed Curriculum
  - a. Took a look at language/culture requirements from other institutions; some require language while others do not.
    - i. Looked at their goals and how it relates to requirements at Wells
    - ii. General trend to move away from the language requirement to have a more broad range of choices that would fill a “global” requirement.
    - iii. Discussed the question, what does it mean to be a global citizen?
      1. What requirements does it take, can language be a requirement?
  - b. Examined overall requirements of different institutions (courses, credits, division requirements)
  - c. Change from just a checklist to a reasoning for taking the courses.
    - i. It has to be more than a list of requirements, there needs to be meaning behind the curriculum.
  - d. Discussed if some categories can be combined
  - e. Discussed having one course that may include language as an option.

Meeting end: 12:59 pm