Education Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: 9/11/2020

Members: Thomas Hanford, Maaike Oldemans, Abby Thomas, Carol VanDerKarr, Chris Widdall, Eric Edlund, Lindsey Darvin, Jeffrey Walkuski, Margaret Gichuru

Members Absent: Laura Dunbar, Carol Van

Guests:Nancy Diller

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| **Topic** | **Comments/Discussion** | **Action** |
| **Approval of Minutes** | 9:15am  Announcements: Chris went over the EPC content, standing committee, discussed the role of the EPC is to make recommendations and to help determine the process of governing change, and report to the senate.  The EPC is missing student representation at the present time.  Chris is going to let student affairs know that we are looking for student representatives.  Nancy will assist with updating the website to have the correct members on the committee listed. |  |
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| **Old Business** | Went over the tasks that had been received last year. There are potential equity issues.  Testing week and review of final examination period – this has stalled due to Covid-19.  GPA – departments are trying to decide how to calculate GPA and some want to use the department GPA instead of the program. How would this be documented? Chris will talk to Carol about this and see if she can discuss this with us during the next meeting.  Abby noted that the departments have not yet decided which GPA would be used for graduation. It is not clear in the catalog what should be used for graduation. Abby has been aware of examples of this becoming an issue for several students.  Nancy noted that the catalog does not have the specific language needed to tell programs what to use for the GPA. | Academic forgiveness for time away updates – Chris will need to touch base and get information on the status |
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| **New Business** | Chris is trying to determine the meeting times for the fall 2020 semester, asks if there would be any concerns about looking to change the meeting times.  Nancy suggests that we poll the current EPC members during the meeting, Chris will ask those individuals who cannot make this time first to determine if perhaps an hour later would work.  It looks like Friday’s from 10-11am will work for all present members of the EPC.  Jeffrey brought up that there are COVID-19 issues related to students and a lack of communication, a lag in starfish notifications to faculty. Chris asks if we know how quickly we are supposed to be getting the notifications. We do not seem to know the actual timeframe – Chris suggests communicating with the Associate Dean.  We will continue to meet remotely for the time being, and may continue with remote meetings moving forward. | Chris will find the last edited document of the minor document and will send this to the group along with the details related to the student equity concerns.  Chris will send out a sign-up sheet for individuals to sign-up for note taking throughout the semester.  Chris may need support/coverage for future faculty senate meetings. |
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| **Adjourned** | 9:40am |  |
|  | Respectfully submitted by Lindsey Darvin |  |