

Minutes of the Educational Policy Committee September 15, 2004

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Educational Policy Committee

September 15, 2004 (Meeting #1)

Present: Josh Breyfogle , Gloria Brush, Chris Carroll, Richard Davis, Bill Fleischman, Kathryn Fuller, Steve Hedman , Rod Lievano , Vince Magnuson, Mary Ann Marchel , Kate Maurer, Mary Jean Menzel , Elizabeth Nelson, Bill Payne, Jerry Pepper, Ryan Rosandich , Timothy Tangen
Excused: Claudia Rock

The minutes of the 5-5-04 meeting were approved with no changes.

Report from the chair

Subcommittee liaison assignments were made as follows:

Academic Integrity: Timothy Tangen ; International Education: Rod Lievano ; Liberal Education: Kathryn Fuller; Admissions: Mary Jean Menzel ; Information Technology & Library: Bill Fleischman; Instructional Development Service: Gloria Brush. The role of the liaison is to call the first meeting, have the committee select a chair and report committee business back to EPC. Most subcommittees have outstanding business from last year. Additional information will be sent to liaisons via e-mail. Members were asked to review the charge to this committee as written in the UMD Constitution. Campus Assembly meetings are scheduled for November 9th and April 12th .

Faculty ratio of tenure & tenure-track to other

This item was referred to EPC last year from the Executive Committee of the Campus Assembly (ECCA) and was left un-resolved. Minutes and data from last year were distributed.

Members were asked to review the information and bring this item to their constituents with the following questions in mind:

- How does the ratio of Tenure/Tenure-Track to Other affect your collegiate faculty with regards to service, and meeting instructional goals?
- Should the expectations of non-tenure/tenure-track appointments be uniform across the campus?
- How should the non-tenure/tenure-track faculty contribute to this dialogue?
- Other important issues or comments from your collegiate unit?

Members were asked to encourage faculty, staff and students to comment on this issue. EPC will discuss this topic at our next meeting and prepare a response to send back to ECCA.

Academic Integrity

A policy was drafted last spring and was not voted on. Major questions that are still outstanding include:

- Is reporting mandatory or is it not?
- If reporting is mandatory, at what point or level of infraction?

- The draft does not make clear where reports of academic dishonesty will be held (Collegiate offices? Office of the UMD Academic Integrity Officer? UMD's Academic Grievance Officer? All of these?)
- The draft does not make clear who has access to the reports.
- The draft does not clarify what will happen with the reports of academic misconduct after the student leaves UMD.
- Though the report does recommend a reporting process, it does not recommend sanctions; nor does it indicate increasingly severe penalties for multiple violations.

In order to move this issue to vote prior to the Fall Campus Assembly meeting, the EPC chair and vice chair drafted new language for the subcommittee to consider. Members were asked to review the policy and recommendations and to bring this topic to their constituents for discussion. This topic will be open for discussion at our next meeting before being referred to subcommittee. The subcommittee is charged with drafting a new policy to present to EPC at the October 13 th meeting.

5xxx courses

5xxx courses are defined as being a graduate level courses for which advanced juniors and seniors can register. Figures show that freshman and sophomores are taking 5xxx level courses. In addition, there are 5xxx level courses in which no graduate students are enrolled. The University Senate Committee on Education Policy on the Twin Cities campus has put forth a series of recommendations regarding this issue. This committee was asked to review their findings and the extent to which their recommendations might be pertinent to our campus. Members were also asked to reflect on the current course numbering system and if UMD guidelines on course numbering need to be reconsidered. This will be a topic of discussion at the next Graduate Council meeting, and at the departmental level. This discussion will be continued at the October 13 th EPC meeting.

American Democracy Project

Linda Krug and Kjell Knudsen are co-chairing this initiative regarding civic engagement. This project is sponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) and the New York Times. UMD is participating along with approximately 200 other colleges and universities across the U.S. The goal is to increase undergraduate student involvement in civic engagement. There are 3 proposed initial phases of the project: 1) a campus wide audit of what UMD is currently doing in regard to civic activity. 2) Create a small "reading and thinking" group of faculty and staff to reflect on the role of UMD in civic engagement, and 3) Develop campus-wide civic engagement projects. The first of these events is "Vote-a- Palooza " to be held this fall, encouraging student participation in the upcoming election. Additional information will be distributed campus-wide about this project via e-mail and in the Statesman. Vince will update this committee as this project progresses.

Meeting adjourned 4:15 p.m.