

AGENDA

Educational Policies Committee

Monday, September 28, 2015

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3:00 p.m.

- I. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (April 27, 2015)**
- II. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (September 14, 2015)**
- III. Approval of Agenda**
- IV. Business**
 - A. EPC Bylaws (second reading): B. Graves and K. Schuiling**
 - B. Criteria for Staffing Decisions: L. Warren**
 - C. Update on Academic Program Review**
 - 1. 2013-14 cycle**
Psychology: B. Graves
Finance: D. Rayome
 - 2. 2014-15 cycle**
Chemistry: L. Putman – **EPC response**
Computer Science: A. Orf new liaison
Nursing: B. Graves
Accounting: J. Thompson
Criminal Justice: J. Centko new liaison
 - 3. 2015-16 cycle – assign liaisons**
History:
Economics – has completed internal review.
Sociology:
Social Work:
Management:
Entrepreneurship:
 - D. Prioritization Process - Articles 3.3.1.2, 3.3.1.6 & 3.4.3 of the Master Agreement**
- V. Good of the Order**

**EPC Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2015**

Present: C. Kirk, K. Schuiling, C. Mesloh, L. Warren, J. Leonard, D. Kapla, D. Rayome, M. Broadway, J. Thompson, R. Mead, B. Graves came after his class

Approval of Minutes from April 27, 2015 Meeting

C. Kirk clarified his statement under part C to say that “tenure track doesn’t necessarily guarantee tenure.”

C. Kirk made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. C. Mesloh seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (September 14, 2015)

Under K there is a typo, “Academic prioritization isn’t a pleasant task” – C. Mesloh

1st page “Academic Affairs does not want to be the one making cuts” – J. Thompson

K “We need to develop a process for academic and administrative program prioritization” – R. Mead

M. Broadway made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. D. Kapla seconded the motion. All in favor. Minutes approved.

Approval of Agenda

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Business

A. EPC Bylaws (second reading): B. Graves and K. Schuiling

Strike-out vice-chair and reword 2.1

Remove Vice-chair from 2.3

Article 4.1 edited

Renumbering to address duplicate numbering issues throughout

Removal of specific Master Agreement section referrals, leaving just references to Master Agreement.

J. Leonard made a motion to approve the EPC bylaws with the corrections.

M. Broadway seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

B. Criteria for Staffing Decisions: L. Warren

L. Warren gave a brief overview of how the guidelines were created. No feedback was given at this time. It was noted that this is a good start for the guidelines. Tabled for future academic prioritization process.

C. Update on Academic Program Review

1. 2013-14 cycle

Psychology: B. Graves (absent at discussion time)

Finance: D. Rayome - waiting on external review

2. **2014-15 cycle**

Chemistry: L. Putman – **EPC response:** M. Broadway and J. Leonard will look into this

Computer Science: A. Orf new liaison – C. Kirk is new liaison; external reviewer was here, report will be here soon

Nursing: B. Graves (absent at discussion time)

Accounting: J. Thompson (external reviewer here, must write a response

Criminal Justice: J. Centko new liaison – new liaison needed = ?; C. Mesloh said external review done, need a response

3. **2015-16 cycle – assign liaisons**

History: liaison = L. Warren

Economics – has completed internal review.

Sociology: liaison = R. Mead

Social Work: liaison = J. Leonard

Management: liaison = J. Thompson

Entrepreneurship: liaison = J. Thompson

D. Prioritization Process - Articles 3.3.1.2, 3.3.1.6 & 3.4.3 of the Master Agreement

Short video on prioritization at Northern Illinois University shown. (Send out link to video for reference, please.) Everyone agreed the video gave good insights on how prioritization is to work.

R. Mead gave out an article on another possible way to address the budget issue.

Discussion of Prioritization Process and Budget

Questions and concerns were raised regarding recent Town Hall and how it relates to Academic Prioritization. Discussion of how Prioritization does seem to be a good route and will be beneficial, but still concerns with current budget deficits. Concerns about faculty cuts and class cuts.

Good of the Order

J. Leonard: inquired on Institutional Research and what is happening with the department.

C. Kirk: requested Randy Watt's email/info to Dave and himself be put on Agenda for next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 pm