MINUTES

TO: Educational Policies and Programs Committee
FROM: Elizabeth “Betsy” A. Boyd, Chair
DATE: September 19, 2013
SUBJ: EPPC AGENDA –September 19, K-207, 2:30 p.m.

Members Present: Boyd, Cross, Crotts (Kaiser), Donoho, Ellingson, Ford, Kipnis, Lee, McConkey, Nichols, Ratekin, Roll, Schierenbeck, Thompson, Schindler, Lillibridge, Bowen, Loker, Knight, Bryan, Baumgartner-Lee, McAllister, Herren (Barrett), English

1. Approved minutes of September 12, 2013 meeting

2. Approved agenda with an amendment to combine the Proposal for New Program: Minor in Medieval and Renaissance Studies and the discontinuations of the Minor in Medieval Studies and the Minor in Renaissance Studies into one Item. Rationale by Boyd that if the two discontinuations were not approved, then the Proposal for the new Program would be withdrawn.

3. Announcements and Introductions:
   a. Sierra-Oro Farm Trial Passport Weekend;
   b. Local California Coastal Cleanup activities: Chico Creek and Lindo Channel Cleanup projects organized by Butte Environmental Council (Meet at Hooker Oak park on Saturday, exact time unknown);
   c. Still searching for a non-Senator EPPC representative.

4. Election of Vice Chair: Michelle McConkey was elected Vice Chair by acclamation.


6. Discontinue: Minor in Medieval Studies (presented by: TBD) Introduction Item

7. Discontinue: Minor in Renaissance Studies (presented by: TBD) Introduction Item

[At this point in the meeting, there were no departmental representatives to present the remaining Introduction items. Boyd suggested a brief recess to contact these reps. The Department of Economics representatives, Frederica Shockley and Pete Tsournos arrived before Jed Wyrick (Comparative Religion), so the Economics items were considered out of agenda order.]

b. Motion to suspend Rules to propose as Action Item. **Motion Passed.**

c. **Action Item:** Proposal for New Program: Minor in Medieval and Renaissance Studies and the discontinuations of the Minor in Medieval Studies and the Minor in Renaissance Studies. **Passed.**

6. Discontinue: Option in Economics (BA ECON) (presented by: Frederica Shockley; Pete Tsournos) **Introduction Item**
   a. Lengthy discussion impact of proposed discontinuance on:
      i. current students needed to be “taught out”, catalog rights, advising. EPPC requested that an advising plan be more concretely described and submitted with action item proposal.
      ii. dialogue with current students about their perceived impact and possible solutions to avoid discontinuation. EPPC requested documentation of such dialogue be submitted with action item proposal.
      iii. future students/institutional emphasis on sustainability education and service to the NorthState;
      iv. specific curricular issues with proposal including Math 105, 108 and upper Division Econ math courses; International and Sustainability Pathways;
      v. suspension vs. discontinuation: history, policy, applicability to Econ’s situation.
   b. Econ’s prepared justification and responses to the above concerns centered on the severe loss of faculty and the inability to provide the breadth of courses currently in the catalog associated with the three options (Economics, International, Environmental); the current and predicted increasing need to find substitutions for courses in the three options; the support that the new Pathways offer to provide international and environmental emphasis.
   c. A motion to refer back to committee failed.
   d. **Introduction Item passed** with the request of written documentation (6.a.i. and 6.a.ii) be submitted with Action Item proposal.

7. Discontinue: Option in Environmental Economics (BA ECON) (presented by: Frederica Shockley; Pete Tsournos) **Introduction Item: Passed**

8. Discontinue: Option in International Economics (BA ECON) (presented by: Frederica Shockley; Pete Tsournos) **Introduction Item: Passed**

9. **Other**
   General discussion about shrinking faculty resources, university budget, long term strategic plan and effects on curriculum, budget induced memoranda, Provost’s upcoming discussions and revisioning of the Academic Plan as an opportunity for faculty to engage these issues, age (& utility of?) EMs for Discontinuation and Budget-Induced Discontinuation.

10. Adjourned at 4:35 pm

Submitted by Secretary: Lyndall Ellingson, September 14, 2013