MEMORANDUM

TO: Holly Kralj, EPPC Chair
FROM: Rick Ford
DATE: March 30, 2023
SUBJ: EPPC Minutes – March 30, 2023, 2:30 p.m.

Attendance:
Senators: Kralj, Magnus, Ellis, Ferrari, Grassian, Zeichick, O’Connor, Huang, Salehi, Munro (for Miller), Son, Moss, Smith, Calhoun, Gray, Ford, Lee, Peterson, Gibson, Cline
Guests: Phillips, Fernandez, Blee, Stock, Doyle

The meeting was called to order at 2:33 by Chair Kralj

1. Minutes from March 9, 2023 were approved with minor adjustments including the attendance.
2. The proposed agenda for March 30, 2023 was approved as distributed without changes.

Introduction Items:
3. New Undergraduate Option in Animal Science: Food Animal Production (Department of Agriculture). Dr. Celina Phillips from the College of Ag presented the new option, including presenting slides to help describe it. Important data regarding the growth of the animal science program was presented. Several other justifications for the new options were provided. Questions were then asked by the committee and fielded by Dr. Phillips. Several folks expressed high praise for the proposal.
   The proposal passed as an introduction item
4. New Undergraduate Option in Animal Science: Pre-Veterinary Science (Department of Agriculture)
   This proposal, connected closely to the last one, also passed as an introduction item.
5. Revisions to EM 21-029: Policy for the Use of Digital Technologies in Teaching and Learning (Senators Ferrari, Ford and subcommittee members)

Senator Ferrari led the presentation and first went over the charge of the subcommittee. She then presented the changes proposed to the EM. In addition she explained that the subcommittee also discussed what the roles of individual vs. collective faculty should be. It was provided that possible adjustments might be needed to the proposal when it comes to action regarding being more specific about what is meant by the collective faculty. The committee was asked to think about ideas to strengthen the notion of “collective faculty”.

Announcements & Other

It was announced that results of research on police lethality in the US compared to other countries would be coming up and the link to the associated flyer was provided.

6. Library Budget Update—

Patrick Newell announced that the library budget would be discussed at the next senate meeting to raise the awareness of the issues. Both full senate and the University Budget Committee are being contacted. An outside review of budgeting over the past 20 years comparing with comparable campuses has been authorized at minimal cost. Prior efforts asking the Provost’s office to look at the budget was not brought forward and discussion has not happened yet. The cuts to the library have not put it into a place where support for programs is being negatively impacted. The library’s ability to provide liaisons with departments has also become problematic. Current reporting lines are the same as the colleges and go directly to the provost. One option is having the library housed under Business and Finance. Senator Newall asked the committee to consider these kinds of alternatives.

7. The meeting adjourned at 4:09