



MINUTES

TO: Educational Policies and Programs Committee
FROM: James Sager, Secretary Du Jour
DATE: October 09, 2015
SUBJ: **EPPC Minutes – October 08, 2015, Kendall Hall room 207, 2:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Baumgartner, Crotts, Donoho (Sager), Ford (Nichols), Hassenzahl (Loker), Janos, Jarquin, Jaxon (Roll), Kipnis (Kirchoff), Loker, McConkey, Nichols, Roll, Rowberg, Sager, Seipel, Schierenbeck (Selvester), Selvester

Chair Crotts opened the meeting promptly at 2:30.

1. Minutes for September 24, 201 were approved.
2. Agenda for October 08, 2015 was approved.
3. Announcements:
 - Flu Shots available to students and faculty at the Student Health Center. Free for student, \$15 for faculty members. Faculty with PERS Choice insurance may get free flu shots at various pharmacies.
 - CELT Conference in progress 10/08-09.
 - Daniel Hiestand Memorial Concert at Laxson Saturday evening at 7:30. CSU, Chico and Alumni Bands performing.
 - Dept. of Music and Theatre Staging 'The Rover' Oct. 13-18 in Harlan Adams Theatre.
4. Chair's Prerogative: Draft Syllabus Template. Although the item has not moved forward in formal processes at this point, discussion has been expanded across campus. Faculty and Grad Council feedback indicate a preference for links to “catchall” or “boilerplate” in BB learn and a strong dislike for a syllabus mandate. Indications are that many faculty members have adopted the Academy E-Learn accessible syllabus template. Students generally are not opposed to a common syllabus “scaffold” or template. Topic will be discussed in full Academic Senate. Chair Crotts asked for committee members to forward materials to him.
4. Introduction Item: New Minor in Applied Statistics. Discussion ensued regarding the proposal with questions fielded by K. Gray. Support for the minor was widespread though several concerns and suggestions were aired. It was suggested that there would be merit in explicitly listing the available elective courses taught outside of the department of Math and Statistics. It was also suggested a requirement be specified that at least one elective course will

be taken outside of Math/Statistics. Concern was expressed that some academic areas such as Educational Measurement and Statistics will remain underserved. There was an additional concern expressed that enrollments in the minor may be higher than indicated in the proposal. Passed as an introduction item.

5. Discussion Item: Repeat with Forgiveness Policy. Proposed changes to EM 10-018 advocated by J. Sager that would remove 3-course restriction in section "X" of the EM under "Undergraduate Repeat with Forgiveness." Several reasons for the suggested change were offered including equal access to "forgiveness" regardless of number of units specified for a course and also that Chico's policy was the most restrictive in the CSU and the only policy that meters forgiveness in courses rather than units. In addition the general value of "student friendly" policies and practices was cited. K. Baumgartner indicated that Academic Advising staff were in favor of the policy as the change might assist some students in achieving a faster time to graduation. A number of committee members requested that Senate archives be consulted to determine why the current policy was crafted as it was. Sager was tasked with seeking further input from senate members and with drafting a document that could be brought forth as an introduction item at the next meeting.

6. Discussion Item: Significant Change: B.A. in Philosophy. Concern was expressed regarding obtuse wording that fails to clearly indicate that two Options in the B.A. are being eliminated. Item's sponsor was not present to field questions or advocate for the proposal. Discussion tabled until next meeting

7. Other: No other items.

8. Adjournment at 4:10.