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## MINUTES

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TO: Educational Policies and Programs Committee

FROM: Nik Janos, Secretary Du Jour

DATE: September 10, 2015

SUBJ: **EPPC MINUTES – September 10, 2015, Kendall Hall room 207, 2:30 p.m.**

**Members present:** Aird, Baumgartner, Ford, Crotts, Donoho (Sager), Janos, Jarquin, Kemper, Kipnis, Loker, McConkey (Selvester), Nichols, Roll, Rowberg, Schierenbeck, Seipel, Selvester

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1. Approve minutes for September 03, 2015.

Minutes approved.

2. Approve agenda for September 10, 2015.

Agenda approved.

3. Announcements.

Book in Common. Book *Just Mercy* by Brian Stevenson. Campus kickoff on Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, Trinity Hall lawn. Community Kickoff September 24<sup>th</sup>, Chico City Plaza.

4. Vice chair nominations/election.

Michelle McConkey volunteered and was elected as Vice Chair.

5. Secretary Schedule.

Minutes template.

The Chair produced a list of secretaries with alternates. Changes to the order are ok. The list was distributed to all members of the committee. The Chair produced a minutes template and distributed it to all members. Minutes should be sent to the Chair.

6. EPPC roster 2015-16.

The Chair distributed the EPPC roster to all members of the committee.

7. Approve Guidelines.

The guidelines that were distributed are not the same as the guidelines from the year before and the year before that. Chair not certain why there is a discrepancy and will investigate this issue. The Chair received these guidelines from the Senate office. The previously approved guidelines will be sent to the Chair and we will approve them next meeting.

## 8. Committee Representatives.

The Chair sent an email with a list of committees that require EPPC representation. Special Majors is in suspension and it is not required that EPPC have representation on it. Appointments were made to the following committees:

### All University Responsibility for Teacher Education (AURTEC)

Talya Kemper for Joe Crofts, EPPC chair.

### Graduate Council

Susan Roll

### University Writing Committee

Bill Loker

### Liberal Studies Program Advisory Committee

Michelle McConkey

### Curriculum Advisory Board

Chris Nichols

Side discussion about the special major suspension. During the budget cuts it was reevaluated and because of the extra work involved and labor intensity of running it, it was suspended.

EPPC spent time filling the representative spots on the required committees. All spots were filled by EPPC members.

## 9. Preliminary proposals.

Four proposals have been submitted but none are final. Curriculum services ask that they not be introduced as proposals. Chair agreed to hold off. The changes include: BS biochemistry, applied statistics, geospatial literacy, and BA in philosophy.

Two members of EPPC are listed (one each) on the BS biochemistry (Nichols) and applied statistics (Ford) proposals and the Chair asked that they give a preliminary report about the changes.

BS biochemistry: This is a change to a major that has 60 units required, and therefore needs to go through the major change process. Some errors in the preliminary proposal were highlighted and corrected. The Chair requested that those changes be made before the proposal becomes an introduction item.

Applied statistics: The proposal is for a new minor in applied statistics for non-math majors. University priority is to become interdisciplinary and integrated fields and add new statistics classes to create an interdisciplinary minor. The preliminary proposal lists some of the new courses. More details will be presented during the next EPPC meeting when it comes in as an Introduction item. One question from an EPPC member was that the business school was listed but there were no courses from business in the proposal. The response to this point was that this is not an exhaustive list. Proposal would be stronger with more courses listed. EPPC member said that there is no representation on education statistics on the proposal. This is a long standing issue and hopes that will be addressed. Another EPPC member wonders if this will be extremely

difficult to track a student's progress through the minor. The advisor through the minor will have a lot of work to do. The way it is written it could be very difficult to manage. Another member said that this concern has been acknowledged and it's possible to address it. Another concern is that this proposal leaves out social scientists who use statistics.

Committee members wondered if other CSU campus were ahead of us in interdisciplinary minors. A number of committee members also wondered if the logistics were going to be too challenging. How would advising and tracking work? There was back and forth between the member working on the proposal and other committee members on how to solve the logistics issues. Another member asked if more attention should be put on Student Learning Objectives, particularly in an interdisciplinary minor.

#### 10. Other.

There is now a Dean on EPPC, Dean David Hassenzahl from Natural Sciences. EPPC still needs two non-Senators on the committee.

#### 11. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned 3:27pm.