



MEMORANDUM

TO: Educational Policies and Programs Committee

FROM: Chiara Ferrari, Chair

DATE: April 10, 2018

SUBJ: **EPPC Minutes – March 29, 2018, Kendall 207/209, 2:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Adamian, Selvester, Hassenzahl, Grassian, Cross (Kim), Watkins, Connolly, Camacho, Miller, McConkey (3:42), Hammer, Allen (Boyd), Roll (Millard), Aird, Schierenbeck, Cooper, Ferrari, Shepherd, Thompson, Hostetter-Lewis (Rowberg), Soudan, Stozzi-Heckler.

Meeting called to order at 2:32

EPPC Chair Chiara Ferrari asked EPPC members to introduced themselves and welcomed new Senator Annie Adamian.

1. Approved Minutes
Approved
2. Approved Agenda for March 8
Approved
3. Action: Merger of CED and GIS
Dean Vela introduced the proposed merger, presenting the benefits of combining resources, while maintaining the identity of both centers. EPPC recommended to double check the documents presented, to make sure the new name
Voice vote: acclamation, no opposed
4. Action: Proposal of new minor in Mathematics Education

Voice vote: acclamation, no opposed
5. Proposal to reclassify Multicultural & Gender Studies from program to department
Submission of substitute document for consideration, Approved for discussion
EPPC discussed aspects of the resources needed for the reclassification. EPPC also recommended to fix a typo in the document (Behavioral and Social Sciences)
Voice vote: acclamation, no opposed

6. Introduction: Revisions to EM on GE requirement for Languages other than English C2
Questions were raised about how the university makes decisions in relation to changing requirements. How did this specific change come about?
Some confusion was based on some EPPC members discussing this item as a GE requirement. Presenters clarified this is not a GE requirement, even if it originated in CAB.
Members of EPPC asked for clarification on how the requirement will affect courses in the C2 area, members also asked how this requirement will be supported in HFA, given the increased need of foreign language sections. Effects on CMST were also discussed, specifically in relation to sign language courses. The EPPC Chair confirmed that Susan Avanzino has been informed, but she has questions that have not been asked, since she was not available to attend EPPC.
Members of EPPC representing high unit majors shared their desire to possibly consider the option of adding a LOTE requirement, if it can substitute some GE requirements. In this respect, the EPPC Chair shared Provost's Larson concern that, if high unit majors can opt out, then this is really not an "official" requirement. Questions were asked in relation to the possibility of discussing a LOTE requirement in more organic terms, as part of a student's major requirements.
Issues were also raised about the presence of a (voting?) ILLC faculty member on CAB. EPPC members raised concerns about how other requirements are not necessarily represented (HIST 130, POLS 155) on CAB. Questions were also raised in relation to the level of language "basic proficiency" required, and EPPC recommended that proficiency is not the right word, given that realistically the university cannot expect proficiency at a 200-level language course. Ultimately, EPPC did not approve the proposal and recommended considering these revisions to the EM on GE as part of the GE program 5-year review.

(guest presenter: Christine Goulding, Laird Easton, Chris Nichols)

The proposal did not pass as introduction item, and was postponed indefinitely.

Yea 10, Nay 12, 1 Abstention

7. Announcements

Student elections starting next week. Encourage students to vote.

Student fee increase consultation continuing, find a place to participate

8. Other

EO 1110, GE revision and advising may have some confusing info on campus and will affect students in Liberal Studies, specifically category 4 students. Changes being rolled out to campus with very little consultation or information to campus. Requesting that the decisions, made or being considered, be shared. Ford reported that the changes do not affect GE, but agreed to present in front on EPPC to discuss the proposed changes in order to close the loop with what originally presented on 8/24.

An issue was raised with classroom computers not being set up with Box

Respectfully submitted by Jim Aird

1. Meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.