



MINUTES

TO: Educational Policies and Programs Committee
FROM: Joe Crotts, Chair
DATE: March 06, 2017
SUBJ: **EPPC MINUTES – February 09, 2017, Kendall Hall room 207, 2:30 p.m.**

Greg Watkins, Secretary Du Jour

Members present: Aird, Allen, Camacho (Fleet), Cross, Crotts, Ferrari, Fleet, Ford, Hammer (Allen), Hassenzahl, Kemper, Kim, Loker, McConkey, Polsan, Ponarul, Roll, Rowberg, Scheer (Rowberg), Schierenbeck, Selvester, Traver, Watkins, Wyrick

1. The minutes of the meetings held on January 26, 2017 were approved with no amendments.
2. The agenda for February 9, 2017 was approved with no amendments.
3. Announcements.
 - TLP Coffee and Kudos
 - Immigration Executive Order workshops
 - Stephen Lewis Lecture
 - Music and Theater Faculty Showcase
 - Anthropology Museum Celebration
 - Student Disability Institute
4. Introduction Item: Name Change, B.A. in Natural Sciences to B.A. in Science Education. Steve Robinow, Assoc. Dean, College of Natural Science representing.

No change to program or curriculum. Intent is to more accurately reflect the content of the program. Name change should have been implemented when the department was formed years ago. The item was strongly supported by multiple members of the committee. Clarifications were made that the graduates are prepared to be junior high school science teachers rather than scientists, biologists, etc.

Vote: Name Change approved as an Introduction Item.

Motion for suspension of rules to move from an Introduction to an Action Item.

Vote: Motion passes.

Consideration of Name Change, B.A. in Natural Sciences to B.A. in Science Education as an Action Item.

Vote: Name Change approved as an Action Item.

5. Discussion Item: Campuswide Ad Hoc Committee to focus on issues related to the Graduation Initiative.

Recommendation from the Executive Committee (EC) to form an ad hoc committee that would include at least two members from each standing committee (EPPC, FASP) as well as other constituents on campus. There is an opportunity to revise the Graduation Plan (“Draft Student Success Plan”) that was developed under a short timeline and submitted in September, 2016. The EC felt that Senate input would be important in the process, and would prefer members that did not serve on the original graduation initiative committee to broaden the inputs. The goals of the initiative as well as some suggested actions were discussed. A comment was made that the goals of the initiative are not reachable on this campus and that the funding should be redirected to direct student support such as grants and scholarships. EPPC members were asked to consider serving on the new ad hoc committee.

6. Other.

EC recently raised concerns about some processes within the Executive Management Evaluation and Development Committee (EMEDC). An example cited was reporting results of executive evaluations. Other items mentioned were confusing committee documents and procedures. It has been suggested that an ad hoc committee be formed to examine some of these issues, on which further information will be forthcoming. EPPC members were asked to consider serving on the new ad hoc committee.

The issue of how curriculum committees should consider changes that increase units in light of the graduation initiative was raised. Suggestion given to have the issue in question be considered by EC.

7. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.