

EPCC Minutes

October 6, 2009

Attending:

Tony Tovar	Sarah Witte	Sally Mielke
Colleen Johnson	Ray Brown	Regina Braker
Jeff Johnson	Marilyn Levine	
Mike Pierce	Carolyn Bloyed	

Discussion:

1. Jeff Johnson apologizes for the "quorum" conversation from the May 26, 2009 meeting. He is requesting approval of the requested items as a "packet".
 - Religious Studies – New Minor
 - REL 101 – New Course
 - Move 4 existing courses (Phil 321, 322, 323, 324) from PHIL to REL prefixes.
 - Jeff was asked if this was the "best" minor we could offer. Jeff states that all programs can be improved and yes this one is no exception, but that is not a good reason to not offer it.
 - Ray Brown asks if the program is available both online and on campus – Yes, it is.
 - Mike asks again, it is the best program. Jeff states that something unsaid is going on here, so he will speak about it. Some colleagues feel that Western Religion is being left out of the program. Jeff researched other University program offering a similar program. Eastern Illinois for example has a course, History of Christianity.
 - Mike asks about the statement "to some degree the minor will be freestanding, but will enjoy some oversight by Philosophy and PPE." What does that mean? It means that it is a stand alone program (similar to gender studies) and it falls under the college of A&S, the division of social sciences and modern languages, and then is tied to the PPE and Philosophy program.
 - Sally proposes all courses (including these) be evaluated under the new Gen Ed status. We should start with these. Discussion ensued regarding this being unfinished business from last year or if this is new business for this year and if it should follow the "new" process.
 - Colleen moves to approve, Kenn 2nds the motion. The vote passed 5 to 2. The entire "package" was approved.
 - REL Studies minor -APPROVED
 - The four courses that are changing prefix continue to hold GEC status – APPROVED
 - REL 101 is approved as a new course but will need to return to EPCC with the appropriate paperwork to be issued GEC status. – APPROVED
2. Colleen discusses the PPE changes.
 - PPE Changes - APPROVED
 - POLS 383, credit change - APPROVED
 - ECON 334, course description change– APPROVED
 - ECON 370, course number change – APPROVED
 - ECON 370, GEC Status - APPROVED
 - ECON 470 , Delete- APPROVED
3. Marilyn suggests that guidelines or questions are created that will be asked of every GEC course. She hands out the curriculum summary sheet as an example. She also suggests a FAQ for the EPCC site to help faculty complete the paperwork properly. Tony states that this is something the committee intends to do, hopefully winter term.

4. Discussed ULO draft. Colleen shares some of the feedback she received from colleagues. Sarah will bring the original draft documents from the working meeting to the next EPCC meeting.