

EPCC Minutes

April 22, 2008

Attendance:

Colleen Johnson

Sarah Witte

Kenn Wheeler

Sally Mielke

Janet Hume-Schwarz

Tony Tovar

Ruthi Davenport

Janet Jessup

Miriam Munck (phone)

David Komito

Steve Tanner

Mike Pierce

Marie Balaban

Discussion:

- I. Mike Pierce first identified the issue and challenged the practice of EPCC to exclude Business courses as being recognized for Gen Ed status and defends the request to add Gen Ed Status to BA 101 under the multidisciplinary inquiry category.
 - Colleen doesn't agree that it belongs in the multidisciplinary category.
 - Gen Ed should provide students with a breadth of education.
 - Discussion ensues. Should a Business course be allowed Gen Ed status. What is the definition of the Multidisciplinary Inquiry category?
 - Janet Jessup agrees that having it be in a Gen Ed class encourages students to take it that otherwise would not have.
 - Tony believes we should follow the standard and the standard is set. Other OUS schools do not have Intro to Business as a Gen Ed course. However, upper division business courses are found. Lower division courses in other disciplines besides Business are common within our Gen Ed curriculum.
 - EPCC discussed whether the current outcomes based approach is appropriate to determine which courses should be included as BA 101 Introduction to Business and the Global Environment to be considered as Gen Ed. However, since the general appropriateness of a Business course is questioned by EPCC, the committee considers reviewing their process to review Gen Ed courses.
 - We should finish what have started before approving anymore Gen Ed courses. We need to go to the faculty and ask "what do we mean by Gen Ed? Let the faculty assist us with approving Gen Ed.
 - Mike Pierce inquires what is the list of approved disciplines that EPCC is using to include/exclude as appropriate for Gen Ed courses; and if there is a legitimate list of 'approved' disciplines' who legitimizes the Gen Ed list? Also, how is the list updated to reflect changes?
 - Mike Pierce respectfully requests that the intended discussion should clarify what courses and disciplines are appropriate for Gen Ed and to carefully consider what is best for the students as well as for the integrity of the curriculum.

Decisions:

- I. BA 101- denied Gen Ed status-TABLED until Gen Ed definitions created and approved. Regarding the decision, BA 101 Introduction to Business and the Global Environment was NOT denied, it was TABLED, pending EPCC process review.
- II. It is agreed that no further courses will be approved for Gen Ed until a definition for each Gen Ed category is created to identify where the courses belong. – APPROVED
 - Colleen will send an email about the above decision.

- The rest of the EPCC meetings for the school year will consist of ½ time being designated for action items the second ½ of the time working on the Gen issue.

III. Math Curricular changes-APPROVED in entirety

IV. Request for New course, PSY 211 – APPROVED

V. Request for Change in Existing Course, PSY 311-APPROVED

VI. Request for Change in Existing Course, PSY 335, 335L, 342, 344, 344L, 350, 342-APPROVED