

EPC – Minutes

Nov. 3, 2000

Attending: Deborah Bebout, Eric Bradley, Cory Butler, Maryse Fauvel, Joan Gavalier, Satoshi Ito, Tom Payne, Constance Pilkington, Don Welsh, and Darlene Crouch, permanent secretary for the committee.

Dean Barbara Watkinson, Chair of EPC, called the meeting to order at 11:35 am in Tucker 114.

The minutes from October 27, 2000 were approved.

The following course was approved on-line by the EPC voting members.

REL 404: Jesus in Early Christianity (Fulfill Concentration Computing Proficiency Requirement)

Dean Watkinson announced that the New Course proposals are on-line and redesigned. The next phase will be getting the Cold Fusion up and running which will allow the person submitting form to get a copy.

Old Business:

A. 3-credit vs. 4-credit curricula

FAC (Faculty Affairs Committee) has requested that EPC (Educational Policy Committee) look at 3-credit vs. 4-credit courses. EPC members were given a copy of "Student and Faculty Course Load Subcommittee Report" from the 1993 Curriculum Changes.

Discussion followed concerning faculty workloads; gradual increase in 4-credit courses; more and more labs are becoming separate; GERs that are 4-credits tie up more hours for students fulfilling requirements. The committee needs to consider what is best for students, and what affect this has on students.

Cory Butler will get tallies to the subcommittee on:

- 3 and 4 credit courses offered over the last five years (sorted by semester and departments)
- number of double concentrators and minors over the last five years, and those who have had overloads

B. Computing Proficiency

EPC and the faculty need to look at the Computing Proficiency requirement for the 2004 accreditation. It was pointed out that the departments and programs are all over the place on requirements and the catalog is out of date. Things have changed dramatically with Computing

Proficiency, since this requirement was put into place 8 to 10 years ago (i.e., WEB), and new standards need to be set. Some faculty see no need for computing proficiency and some disagree. It was noted that some faculty need training as much as students. It was suggested that maybe a body of courses could fit the requirement, and they could be taken earlier instead of later.

Dean Watkinson informed the committee that the GER 7 Assessment Report will be put on the agenda soon. The next EPC meeting will be Friday, November 17.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Crouch, Secretary