

EPC – Minutes  
February 26, 2003

Attending: Cory Butler, Jim Deffenbaugh, Mike Finn, Joan Gavalier, George Grayson, George Greenia, Evelyn Hall, Phil Kerns, Yana Rodgers, Jennifer Taylor, and Barbara Watkinson.

Joan Gavalier, Chair of EPC, called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm in the UC, Colony Room.

- I. I. Approval of Minutes  
February 12, 2003 – Approved
- II. II. Assessment Steering Committee Meeting  
The joint meeting with ASC and EPC will still take place on March 12. Peter Ewell will NOT be in attendance. We will begin preparing for the SACS review.  
  
The Dean's Committee, EPC and ASC, together will explore what departments expect from the students in their curriculums. Very few departments have clear mission statements and we will be asking them what they are trying to accomplish in their individual departments or programs.
- III. III. Non-traditional student copy for catalog – Approved
- IV. IV. Major (Concentration) Writing Requirement – Jenny reviewed the draft. We want to be sure to ask how it is determined that a student satisfies the writing requirement, and ask a direct question about how they are graded. We may want to “force” faculty to answer each question by providing space after each question for them to do so. Also, we may ask them if their department or program perceives a problem with the CWR, and if so, what suggestions do they have. Jenny will rewrite and send out via email. The deadline for returning the form is April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- V. V. GER reports – Alan Fuchs will give us his feedback on the GER 2 report by next meeting. Joan asked us to begin thinking about the big picture and to give her some thoughts about what will go into the conclusion of this report that will be presented at the April Faculty meeting. Barbara pointed out that there is a statement on the Undergraduate Dean's web page that gives an overview of how the GERs come together and what the objective of the whole is.
- VI. VI. New Business – Self-designed Interdisciplinary Studies major was discussed. We concluded that it's OK for students, with their advisor, to design these majors without necessarily contacting the departments from whom the courses are drawn.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm. Next meeting is March 12.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cory C. Butler