Educational Policies and Procedures Committee
Minutes for Monday, April 11, 2011

Present: Bruce Conrad, Chris Dennis, Mary Anne Gaffney, Peter Jones, Catherine Schifter, Wendy Kutcher, Dan Liebermann, Brooke Walker (guest), Suman Batish, Nilgun Anadolu-Okur, Michele O’Connor and James Curran.

Minutes from 3/15 were reviewed and approved with one clarification

Michelle introduced Brooke Walker, Office of International Affairs to discuss a potential Gen Ed Transfer Agreement between Chinese Services Center for Scholarly Exchange and Temple. This currently involves 37 institutions in China. Students take courses in the Gen Ed through one of the institutions and get a transcript from that institution. Not all courses are equivalent to Temple courses, and some have no credit. The agreement would be similar to our current Gen-Ed to Gen-Ed agreements with various Community Colleges. One concern is about how composition and writing would be handled. They could come and test out of composition. If not successful, they would come in through 45 plus transfer credits, and that curriculum. Students take the placement test in China. Students will still have to take the TOEFL or IELTS, and meet the same other application procedures as other students. Brooke noted there is staff to follow these students. These would be regular Temple students seeking a Temple degree. There is no maximum number of students. There was discussion about why there is so much interest from China now. The Vote from EPPC was positive, to move this forward.

Mary Anne noted that the Banner tutorial for faculty was now on the portal but difficult to notice. It was agreed that there needed to be communication efforts to get the faculty to notice the tutorial.

Peter said there is a request in to Banner for a warning to be placed on courses with prereqs.

Peter asked about the repeat policy and English 701 which may be a prereq for 801 depending on the student testing. Currently English 701 is not on the list of courses that would require students to leave the university if they failed it 3 times. EPPC voted that English 701 should be added to the list. This would not go into effect until spring 2012.

Under the same logic EPPC also voted that Math 701 should be added to the list.

It was noted that a student who returned to Temple under the Academic Forgiveness Policy would be allowed only one more attempt to pass courses that they had already taken three times.

Next meeting, May 2, 2:00.