

Educational Policies and Procedures Committee
Minutes for Monday, May 16, 2011

Present: Nilgun Anadolu-Okur, Suman Batish, Bruce Conrad, Chris Dennis, Mary Anne Gaffney (chair), Eli Goldblatt, Peter Jones, Wendy Kutcher, Dan Liebermann, Michele O'Connor, Catherine Schifter, Kate Wingart. Guests: Jason Gaspar-Hulvat, Alistair Howard, Michelle Barton, Fiona Neale-May.

Review of minutes from May 2nd - no changes. Accepted as written

Global Citizenship Course

The offices for international students, among other offices, developed the idea of a global citizenship living and learning program with 40 students accepted. The developers were interested in providing a course each term in global citizenship and cultural competencies, modeled after a program at the University of Maryland. The idea for the course was to help students in program be more sensitive to global aspects of life. Questions were raised about why only one credit, the reason is the course would be taught by staff with limited time availability, not by full time faculty. The course is for American students as well as acculturating international students into Philadelphia. Eli stated he supports the course and noted the need for connection with services at Temple - the writing center for example. The concern was expressed that the course is described as a "skills" course which it is not. Eli offered to be involved. Nilgun suggested people teaching the course should be aware of the fears of the international students in class with American students and that it would be a good idea to bringing in international faculty as guest speakers. Eli also suggested the Community Building Network could support the course. The course will be attached to the seminar series out of Michele's office. The title for the course will be Global Citizenship. All voted in support of the course.

Banner Grading

Academic history goes live in June. Banner grading will start with summer I. June 14th is the last date for spring grades. All schools and colleges will use e-grading from now on. Wendy used a powerpoint presentation to demonstrate the Banner grading. This presentation was not yet available to general faculty. Wendy went through the various screens and processes. New terms such as "rolled", meaning the grade has already rolled into the academic record, were discussed. The grades options that will show up for each student are the ones appropriate for the student status. Formatting of the screens was discussed. The grade change process will be visible, and the approval process is being established. Once grades roll at the end of each day, they become part of the student's academic history and can only be changed using change of grade procedures. The current "update" option will no longer exist. Missing grades will show up in a report, and will show up as MG after the close of grades, requiring a change of grade. Incompletes will still ask for a default grade. The screen will show the original grades and grade changes. Lots of education for faculty will be needed. Eli and Suman have volunteered to work further with Wendy on the grading process and faculty education.

Finally, Catherine Schifter was unanimously elected as EPPC chair for 2011-2012.