

EPPC meeting minutes, March 26, 2012

Present: Teresa Souffas, Anar Khandvala, Alessa Abruzzo, Bruce Conrad, Michele O'Connor, Karen Turner, Chris Dennis, Judith Flaxman, Suman Batish, Nilgun A-Okur, Eli Goldblatt, Catherine Schifter

Minutes accepted with change on page 1 item 1, add space between "have" and "been" in line 5.

1. Jodi Laufgraben gave an update on Banner. We have completed 1 year of Banner, getting ready for summer, had midyear ratings, and grading will be opening soon. Fall had highest percentage of online grading on time at 99%. Banner can give a report to school grade liaisons for who has submitted grades or not. Karen suggested a report of the successful usage to faculty at a Faculty Senate meeting or other report. Grading typically ends 48 hrs after the end of the semester. This spring grading will not because of the weekend when no assistance for faculty is available. This (not happening on a weekend) will apply to all other upgrades which include financial aid, graduate clearances, and prerequisites. There is a training group to identify training issues.

Prerequisites - several schools are already live with prereqs. Law was up in the fall. CST, Engineering, Fox, are fully online, some others are partially. Karen asked about what an advisor sees. Suman asked about a visiting student. Registration rules are the most usual reasons why someone cannot register online, but individual overrides can occur. There is a plan to have all departments up with prereqs for fall 2012 priority reg period. One school is testing wait listing. Eli volunteered testing wait listing for writing courses.

Michele asked about learning community facilitation thru banner. She also asked about getting reports on transfer colleges. Chris pointed out getting this information early can allow intervention when needed. Karen asked about use of the mid-semester warning system, and can you do selective reviewing. She asked who can see it, and Chris said anyone who can see the student's information. Jodi suggested putting in the syllabus if going to use the midterm system. Mid semester ratings was at the 85% level.

New director of Fin Aid has been hired from Arizona State University.

2. Michele, EPPC serves as the faculty course review for the vice provost seminars. Sophomore seminar fills right away. Transfer Seminar has fewer sections, and tried to meet too many needs. New course for new transfers, and then a junior seminar for those needing upper level student info. Michele explained who teaches these courses. The new course was moved and passed unanimously
3. Michele, Second item Michele reviewed the list of alternative ways to gain college credit. The question was about CLEP and where a program allows credit by exam. Further, the question was about charges for the review. Currently the fee is \$10/ credit. The average across some area community colleges is \$112-\$150/credit (instate/outstate). Another question is who gets the money from the fees. A FOPAL account could allow tracking the fees and then allocate funds to the college that graded required papers. Anar noted also that students need to get advisor permission to take a Clep exam. Michele will ask what can raise the price to.

4. Eli updated about new committee co-sponsored by EPPC and International Programs Committee of Faculty Senate. Seven experts in international language issues will provide report back the end of the semester Yasko Kanno, Lori Salem, Jill Swavely, Alex Howard, Sandy Kyrish, Shorhreh Amini, and a few others.

Old business: Eli met with Debbie Campbell in Fox re online courses in gen Ed. They are not pushing the issue like before.

5. Michele brought back the second degrees went to Council of Deans. Teresa reported a mixed discussion. Michele reported a mixed set of reports from deans. The conversation will continue.
6. New business: Eli, changes in support for grad students is beginning to impact support for undergrads. Graduate students cannot be hired as adjuncts.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm