

**EPCC Minutes**  
**January 22, 2008**

**In Attendance:** Steve Griffith, John Bolen, Mark Juffernbruch, Deb Czarneski, Justin Nostrala, Mike Hadden, Mark Gammon, Kedron Bardwell, Walter Pearson, Virginia Croskery, Steve Rose, John Pauley, Murphy Waggoner

**Minutes from January 8, 2008.**

No additions or corrections. Pauley moved to approve. Minutes were approved.

**1. MACJ proposal.**

Fred Jones, Laure Friedrich, Mark Freyberg, Rachel Bandy entered room to present the *Masters in Criminal Justice* proposal. Murphy pointed out that the MACJ had various new courses, but the proposals for those individual courses are not included in the current proposal. Fred explained that the proposals existed from last year. Murphy requested that we vote on the current MACJ proposal under the agreement that the individual course proposals be attached to this proposal. Fred said if EPCC doesn't have them, he would have them sent in right away.

Mike Haddad asked about what other forms of student assessment might be inside the portfolio besides papers. Mark Freyburg commented, "any work they have done" could be included in their portfolio.

Deb Czarneski asked about the mention of 20 students per year expected to be in the program. Deb asked where this number came from. Fred answered that he looked at other, nearby CJ masters programs, such as Illinois. Fred said he felt comfortable that there would be at least 15 students. Deb explained her real concern that there would be more students than the program could handle. Fred explained that the cohort group of 20 was mentioned in the proposal.

John Pauley motioned for a vote on the proposal contingent upon the addition of separate course proposals be attached for each new course to be added within the proposal. Seconded by Justin Nostrala.

MACJ proposal was approved, with one vote against.

Steve Griffith asked if EPCC had any recommendations for the group making the proposal as they take the MACJ proposal to the faculty. Pauley suggested that the group attend a Humanities divisional meeting. Mark Gammon suggested that the President of the college attend the meeting. Dean Griffith said he would pass that along to the President.

Murphy explained that she did not feel individual meetings between the MACJ advocates and faculty, like they did last year, is a good idea. Murphy said this approach made her feel uncomfortable.

Discussion took place about whether the President should attend a meeting within each Division. Steve Griffith mentioned that he believed the MACJ group proposed holding an open meeting for anyone who wanted to attend.

## **2. Proposal for Women's Studies 202.**

Proposed by Jennifer Nostrala. Jennifer could not attend as she was at a week-long theater conference. Juffernbruch asked if anyone had any concerns. The proposal was approved unanimously.

## **3. Memo from John Epperson regarding May Term cornerstone proposals.**

John Pauley spoke about a memo John Epperson had sent to Mark Juffernbruch and John Pauley. The memo explains issues Epperson and the History Department has with the proposal that came from John Pauley asking that a list of May Term courses be designated for Cornerstone satisfaction. The Epperson memo indicates that the History Department would like to have their classes removed from Pauley's proposal due to stipulations mentioned in the course catalogue regarding history classes and Cornerstone. Since the proposal already presented to faculty now would have a section of it removed, Pauley said he was considering withdrawing the proposal. Pauley wanted EPCC's advice on withdrawing the proposal.

Justin Nostrala raised the concern that courses not designated as a Cornerstone would be neglected by students. Discussion continued about this idea. Gammon declared that a good May Term class would fill regardless of whether it was to satisfy Cornerstone or not.

Discussion returned to whether the proposal should be withdrawn. Pauley suggested that there perhaps should have been more discussion within departments about whether classes from that department should serve as Cornerstones.

Pauley stated, "I would like absolute transparency, a full dissection of the issues concerning this proposal, and a form for departments to fill out."

Deb suggested that if the proposal is withdrawn it should be explained that it is withdrawn on a technical basis (there were some procedural errors), not philosophical. And then a clear procedure that violates no policy is followed next year in proposing courses to satisfy Cornerstone.

Dean Griffith asked what procedure had been violated since there doesn't seem to be a procedure. Walter stated that the established practice of Cornerstone proposal comes from the departments.

Dean Griffith and several members on EPCC recommended that Pauley not withdraw the proposal, but keep it with the amendment that addresses the fact that History removed their courses from the proposal. Pauley agreed to do this.

**Discussion of procedure for changes to language in faculty handbook (EPCC Academic Policies).**

Juffernbruch discussed concerns raised about language in the faculty handbook. He offered to be the point man on taking care of the language changes that needed to happen. He explained that if anyone had any suggestions in the language they could e-mail them to him and he would work it in. Juffernbruch asked EPCC if they were okay with this procedure. Everyone agreed with the procedure.

Meeting ended at 1:52.

Next EPCC meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, 2008.