

EPCC, September 9, 2008

In attendance: Mark Juffernbruch, Steve Griffith, Rachel Bandy, Murphy Waggoner, John Bolen, Gwen Schroder, Walter Pearson, Ron Albrecht, Rick Spellerberg, Mike Hadden, Ann Woldt, Tracy Dinesen, Julie Summers and John Pauley.

First order of business was to divide administrative tasks and to staff three subcommittees. Tracy Dinesen volunteered to be secretary.

May Term Subcommittee:

Mark Juffernbruch

Ron Albrecht

Ann Woldt

Mike Hadden

Petition Subcommittee:

Mark Juffernbruch

Murphy Waggoner

Rick Spellerberg

Graduate Subcommittee:

Walter Pearson

Julie Summers

Rachel Bandy

Tracy Dinesen

Mark Juffernbruch brought to the attention of the committee a proposal to reward Justin Garibay a posthumous degree given that he had completed 140 credit hours and lacked completing his Writing Competency II portfolio and his world language requirement. Initially it was thought the degree should be given at the memorial service on September 18th, but it was decided that it set a bad precedent since degrees need to be voted on by the entire faculty. Electronic voting was discussed but it was decided that voting by email was not in the traditional spirit of faculty meeting votes since it prevented a true discussion of the proposal. Given this discussion Mark will present a proposal to the faculty at the October meeting that the committee recommends waiving the WCII and Foreign Language requirements thereby accepting Justin Garibay's credits as completing a BA in Liberal Arts. It is also recommended that a policy be formed for granting posthumous degrees in the future.

Regarding May Term proposals, the new courses were strong this year and the subcommittee recommended the proposals for approval to recommendation to the faculty. This motion was approved by the full committee.

In reference to the few proposals that are still coming in after the April deadline Steve said that it might signal a problem with the process. It is because faculty members are overworked or is it just not

something that has been pressed in the past? If the faculty member does not meet the deadline, does the administration need to remind them? It would be interesting to find out why some faculty are not meeting the deadline.

Changes to the Academic Policies section of the Catalog were brought to EPCC for discussion by Mark, Steve and John. These changes are designed to tighten up the language of the policies and to clarify procedures. While issues such as the use of drop/add forms, faculty signatures and the length of the drop/add period were discussed it was decided that in order to completely understand the needs for the changes Mark, Steve and John will work on the document. They will discuss the problem and the rationale for the changes in order to help get at the heart of the problem. The Academic Policies along with the new information will be discussed at the next meeting on September 23rd.