

College of Geosciences

Environmental Programs Executive Committee

[Approved] Minutes of Meeting, March 21st, 2007

In attendance: Drs. Sarah Bednarz (SB), Don Collins (DC), Jennifer McGuire (JM), Andrew Millington – Chair (AM), Bob Stewart (RS).

Matters arising and progress

EPEC 07.1 GEOS485/685 Directed Studies International Polar Year has been approved by College Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UCC).

EPEC 07.2 ENGS listserver should be live by end of March.

EPEC 07.3(ii) Environmental faculty paper for discussion postponed until after this meeting (*see minute EPEC 07.8(iii)*).

EPEC 07.3(iii) Web pages. *No report.*

Action: AM to meet with Jay Slovacek (AM)

EPEC 07.3(v) Room for ENGS/ENST students. *No progress on this issue.*

Action: AM to raise with Dean (AM)

EPEC 07.4 Revisions to ENST and ENGS degree plans. Draft degree plans (reduction to 120 hour) were sent to UCC for comment (*see minute EPEC 07.10*).

EPEC 07.5 Discussions with Mays School about possible business-environment teaching opportunities (Action: AM). *No progress*

New items

EPEC 07.7 Andrew Millington reported on meetings with the Dean, GERG and Atmospheric Sciences

(i) AM updated Dean on environmental programs after 11 Feb EPEC meeting.

(ii) AM reported on a visit to GERG where opportunities for research mentoring, internships and GERG staff teaching on environmental programs with Drs. Terry Wade, Les Bender and José Sericano were discussed. EPEC members appreciated the opportunities arising with GERG, and asked AM to continue discussions.

Action: Report back to GERG (AM)

(iii) AM held a meeting with Dr. Richard Orville (Head, Atmospheric Science), DC and Christine Dunn (Academic Advisor, Atmospheric Science) to discuss ATMO courses for the environmental programs. New courses for ENST and ENGS were identified.

Action: Add new courses to degree plans for ENST and ENGS (AM, DC)

EPEC 07.8 (i) EPEC discussed concept of environmental faculty and agreed the By-Laws of the Intercollegiate Faculty of Water Management & Hydrological Sciences provided the best model after suitable modifications.

Actions: Draft By-Laws and circulate (AM) EPEC to meet Dean of Faculties (All)

(ii) Noted need to discuss the Environmental Faculty and By-Laws with Dean of Faculties.

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| | (iii) Form requesting membership of CG environmental faculty to be drafted, based on GESA form | Send GESA form to AM (JM) Draft membership form (AM) |
| EPEC 07.9 | SB introduced a draft working document for EPEC. EPEC discussed and agreed the following: (i) term of EPEC membership to be 3 years, (ii) membership rotation to be staggered, (iii) members to be elected from the environmental faculty in each department by all tenure/tenure-track faculty in each department, (iv) members to seek alternates if they cannot make meetings, (v) absence from two consecutive meetings may result in removal from EPEC, (vi) Director of Environmental Programs to chair EPEC, (vii) EPEC agendas and minutes to be posted on environmental programs web site. | Action: include in By-Laws (AM) |
| EPEC 07.10 | EPEC discussed draft ENST and ENGS entries for Catalog 130. Approved a series of minor amendments. | Action: Make amendments, circulate to EPEC then submit to UCC (AM) |
| EPEC 07.11 | EPEC identified a number of modifications to ENST and ENGS for Catalog 131 entries. Namely the high proportion of introductory courses from CG, revisions to themes in ENGS, and the need to develop a list of technical electives for ENGS. | |
| EPEC 07.12 | Provisional date for next meeting: May 1 st 11.00 am. | |