

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
Senate Educational Policies Committee
February 16, 2010
Minutes

Present: Amy Aggelou, Patty Beeson, Judy Erlen (Co-chair), Bonnie Falcione, Kathleen Kelly (Co-chair), Steve Lyon, Jay Rajgopal

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 12:35 pm in Room 826 Cathedral of Learning by Co-chair Kathleen Kelly.

Approval of minutes: Minutes from the January meeting were approved.

SEPC Statement:

The committee revisited the 'statement' that was discussed and edited at the January meeting. The statement had been reviewed by University Legal Counsel who recommended modifications to reflect that "there is a reasonable expectation of privacy and one should obtain consent to record others no matter what the purpose". Edits were made during this meeting to make the statement more explicit with respect to the purpose.

The committee has recommended the following statement and will await input from Legal Counsel prior to submitting to the Faculty Assembly.

"To insure the free and open discussions of ideas, classroom lectures, discussions, and/or activities may NOT be recorded except with the advance written permission of the instructor and solely for educational purposes."

Vice Provost update:
(Patty Beeson)

The *CourseHero* website was briefly discussed at the last meeting. Patty Beeson spoke to Legal Counsel and they have available a template for faculty to use if they want their course materials removed from the website. Apparently each faculty must make the request on their own behalf as there is no mechanism for the University to request that all Pitt materials be removed.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Submitted by,

Kathleen Kelly