A regular meeting of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy convened at 1:15 p.m. in Room 232 of the English Building with Chair Abbas Aminmansour presiding.

I. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of August 29, 2005

Since the minutes of the meeting of August 29, 2005 were distributed at the door, they were approved as written with the option that members they may contact the secretary within the week with any discrepancies.

II. Remarks of the Chair

Chair Aminmansour announced that the Committee had five proposals going to the Senate that afternoon; the major item being EP.05.22, Proposal to Transfer the Industrial Engineering Program from the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering to the Department of General Engineering. He pointed out that this item is presently on the consent agenda; however, representatives from the department have requested floor privileges in case there is a discussion. Aminmansour asked that members be available at the Senate meeting to express their support if the proposal goes to the floor.

Assignments to the Subcommittee list will be made after nominations (Loren Bode and Joe Goldberg) to fill the two vacancies on the committee are approved at today’s Senate meeting. Those members who have agreed to serve as subcommittee chairs are Bob Rich, Phil Geil, and Joe Goldberg.

The Chair explained that Kristi Kuntz would be talking to the committee today regarding an update on general education requirements and policies. He thought it wise to discuss issues that are related to educational policy. At the EPC meeting scheduled for October 24, Deanna Raineri of the CITES Review Committee, will speak on the impact of CITES activities.

III. New Business

Kristi Kuntz – Update on General Education Requirements and Policies

Kuntz reported that the General Education Board is presently reviewing current guidelines for areas of deficiencies, the confines of the original document and looking into the future when campus leadership has had a chance to stabilize. L. Rich pointed out that the only change was the inclusion of global studies courses; 9 courses as western or non-western.

EP.06.08, Revision to the Course Numbering System (Student Code Part 7. Transcripts) to allow for the use of 700-level numbers in the professional curricula

The Chair explained that this item came up originally in casual discussion; however, it has now become an important issue. Therefore, Kuntz and Marshall have put together a proposal giving the Provost’s Office the authority to make such judgments. It was also noted that this proposal will be forwarded the Conference on Conduct Governance. Geil made a motion to approve; Crockett seconded the motion.

The proposal was unanimously approved; Malmgren, an ex officio member of the Conference on Conduct Governance, will present the proposal at the next CCG meeting.

EP.06.05, Proposal from the College of Engineering to revise and increase the hours of the B.S. Degree in Materials Science and Engineering

Geil, sponsor of the proposal, has asked that it be withdrawn.

EP.06.06, Proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts to revise the Undergraduate Curriculum in Sculpture

Zych pointed out some concerns with the Statement for the Bulletin; it appears some painting courses may have been accidentally removed. He will forward proposed changes to the subcommittee chair so that the department may be notified.
EP.06.07, Proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts to revise the Undergraduate Curriculum in Painting

After a short discussion, Williams made a motion to approve; Tappenden seconded that motion. The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

(During the discussion, questions arose regarding the range of hours and whether or not courses were general education compliant. The Committee will review the guidelines in order to suggest changes for the future.)

IV. Old Business

Subcommittees:

Subcommittee B

EP.06.01, Proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts for the establishment of a Jazz Performance Major within the existing Bachelor of Music degree

The sponsoring department had responded to the committee’s request for changes to the Statement for the Catalog and a few minor changes of its own (handout).

The chair suggested that the committee take a few minutes to read over the revisions; after a short discussion, the proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

Subcommittee C

EP.05.31, Proposal from the College of Business for Revision of the Curriculum for the Department of Business Administration

Roszkowski gave an overview of EP.05.31 and pointed out that it is a culmination of a process started in 1997. Palazzo brought up questions regarding the numbering of ACE courses. Leblebici explained that many of these course numbers will probably change. The College of Business plans to continue agreement with ACES; they do not foresee a change at that side of the equation. Williamson referred to the Table of Contents and suggested editorial changes. Palazzo thought there to be a strong overlap prompting Geil to question if two similar programs were viable and what was the difference between them. Leblebici explained that there are problems with having concentrations and only one major in a department and thought this proposal would give new opportunities for its students. He also thought there was room for this curriculum in both colleges. The largest concentration of students is its 350 in marketing.

After a short discussion, Chair Aminmansour pointed out that we do not have guidelines for concentrations at the undergraduate level making it difficult to make a judgment. Goldberg identified the problems as follows: a) identify concentration within a major by the same name; b) inconsistency between the cover document and the supporting materials; c) problem in the numbering of courses; d) same courses are offered in another college (ACES). The Chair noted that Karen Carney had recently written the Guidelines for Concentrations for the Graduate College and asked that a subcommittee be formed to address this issue. The task group members are as follows: Lucy Rich (Chair), Karen Carney, Carol Malmgren and Carol Livingstone. Palazzo shared concerns of pulling students from ACES (marketing) to Business. Goldberg suggested that the proposal require a letter on this issue.

V. Pending Items

EP.05.29, Guidelines for the Academic Calendar

Aminmansour noted that there had been questions at a recent meeting as to whether or not there should be changes to the guidelines for spring semester. A short discussion revealed that although administrative offices on campus could adjust to such changes, there would be some difficulty in implementation. The chair will edit the Guidelines for the Academic Calendar for submission to the Senate; these proposed revisions will refer only to the fall semester.

EP.05.03, Proposal from the Colleges of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences; Applied Life Studies; Business; Education; and Engineering to establish a Leadership Minor

EP.04.40, Proposed Changes to the Code pertaining to “Institutional Credit” and “Transfer Credit” (Subcommittee C with the addition of Lucy Rich and Alice Poehls)

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.