Present: Abbas Aminmansour, Chair; Phillip Geil, Natasha Jankowski, Michael Krassa, Steve Michael, David Olsen, David Strauser, Leslie Struble, Margarita Teran-Garcia

Ex officio: Jennifer Hamer, Laurie Kramer, Kristi Kuntz, Faye Lesht

Guests: Guy Garnett, Joe Harper, Ann Mester, Lucy Rich, Yuanhui Zhang

A regular meeting of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy was called to order on Monday, September 21, at 1:10 p.m., in 232 English Building with Chair Abbas Aminmansour presiding.

I. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the August 31 meeting were approved as amended.

II. Remarks of the Chair. Chair Aminmansour thanked those attending the day’s meeting. Noting the lack of quorum, he asked that members be queried on their availability for spring semester meetings.

The Chair said EPC proposals finalized for Senate action on October 5 are due in the Senate Office by Tuesday, September 22.

Chair Aminmansour served on the Admissions Task Force, which was appointed by Chancellor Richard Herman, Interim Provost Robert Easter and Senate Executive Committee Chair Joyce Tolliver in response to a request from President B. Joseph White following the release of the State of Illinois Admissions Review Commission Report and Recommendations. Professor Aminmansour indicated that the Admissions Task Force transmitted its report to the Provost and Chancellor in a document dated September 16, 2009. Each campus chancellor is expected to submit a final report on admissions reforms to President White by September 23.

III. Updates from the Provost’s Office and Graduate College. Assistant Provost Kristi Kuntz briefly reported that (1) the campus is working on an e-learning agenda to address the Global Campus transition; (2) the School of Labor and Employment Relations is sponsoring a new online B.S. program that is expected to come to EPC this fall; and (3) several new proposals are being processed for future Senate review.

Chair Aminmansour added that reorganization within the College of Education is underway and this action will result in a number of changes requiring EPC review and Senate approval.

LAS Assistant Dean Lucy Rich noted the need for creating degree completion programs, related to online coursework and community college transfer students. EPC will discuss its role in this process at a future meeting.

IV. Old Business.

Subcommittee A

EP.10.02, Proposal to establish MS in Technical Systems Management and an optional graduate Concentration in the Professional Science Master’s Program, Colleges of GRAD and ACES. Professors Joe Harper and Yuanhui Zhang were present to address questions related to the proposal. Following discussion, Subcommittee Chair Michael Krassa moved that EPC approve the proposal pending receipt of the final document. The motion was seconded and, upon vote, approved. This report will be presented for Senate action on October 5.

Subcommittee C

EP.09.75, Proposal from the Graduate College and the Illinois Informatics Institute to Establish an Informatics Ph.D. Program. Professor Guy Garnett was present for discussion of the revised proposal. During discussion, it was determined that it would be helpful to clarify requirements for prerequisite courses. Subcommittee Chair Natasha Jankowski moved that EPC approve the
proposal pending additional revisions. The motion was seconded and, upon vote, carried. The revised report will be presented for Senate action on October 5.

V. New Business.

Subcommittee B

EP.10.07, Proposal from the College of Applied Health Sciences to Revise the Undergraduate Major in Speech and Hearing Science. Subcommittee Chair Phillip Geil noted several changes to be incorporated into a revised proposal, and he then moved its approval. Upon vote, the motion passed. The proposal will be presented for Senate action on October 5.

VI. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Christa Petrillo
Recording Secretary
Approved as written, 10/5/09