Present: Abbas Aminmansour, Chair; Phillip Geil, Natasha Jankowski, Michael Krassa, Jacqueline McDowell, Steve Michael, Gay Miller, David Olsen, David Strauser, Margarita Teran-Garcia

Ex officio: Brenda Clevenger, Kristi Kuntz, Faye Lesht, Carol Malmgren, Keith Marshall

Guests: Mary Lowry, Ann Mester, Lucy Rich

Michael Heath, Computer Science; Michael Insana, Bioengineering; Jan Slater, Advertising; John Unsworth, LISC

A regular meeting of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy was called to order on Monday, November 16, at 1:10 p.m., in 232 English Building with Chair Abbas Aminmansour presiding.

I. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the October 26 meeting were approved as written.

II. Remarks of the Chair. Chair Aminmansour welcomed all to today’s meeting; those present introduced themselves. He reported briefly on task group activities (see Item IV below).

III. Updates from the Provost’s Office and Graduate College. Assistant Provost Kristi Kuntz reported the following requests for administrative approval:

LAS, Revision to the BSLAS in Mathematics and Computer Science: add CS 457 Numerical Methods II as the sole option for satisfying the “Group VII” requirement; replace CS 273 Intro to Theory of Computation with CS 373 Theory of Computation; replace MATH 415 Applied Linear Algebra with MATH 415 Applied Linear Algebra or MATH 416 Abstract Linear Algebra.

FAA, Request to add ARCH 222, ARCH 402 and ARCH 403 to the list of courses that fulfill the architecture undergraduate history requirement.

FAA, Request to add ARTS 363 RAW Photography as an acceptable photo elective.

There were no updates from the Graduate College.

IV. Old Business

Grade Replacement Policy Task Group (EP.09.12) met on Thursday, October 29, and developed new language which will be transmitted to the Council of Undergraduate Deans for its input.

Degree Completion Task Group held its first meeting on Friday, October 30.

ICES Online Implementation Plan Task Group met on November 6. Chair Aminmansour, AFT Chair Jeff Dawson and GUP Chair John Prussing will present the concerns discussed at our August 31 meeting to the Senate Executive Committee. (RE: 8/31/09 EPC minutes, Item IV.)

Subcommittee A—Michael Krassa, Chair

EP.10.10, Proposal from the Graduate College and College of Engineering to Revise the M.S. and Ph.D., in Bioengineering. Professor Krassa indicated that the final version of the proposal is ready for Senate action. On behalf of the subcommittee, Krassa moved its approval. The motion was seconded and, upon vote, passed. The proposal will be presented to the Senate at the December 7 meeting.

EP.10.17, Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of Business to Establish a Graduate Minor in Corporate Governance and International Business. Due to time constraints, there was no discussion of this proposal.

Subcommittee C—Natasha Jankowski, Chair

EP.10.06, Proposal from the Graduate School of Library and Information Science to Establish a B.S. in Informatics. In an email message dated November 6, Chair Aminmansour reported to
Committee members that there has been no consensus on the naming of this major. He proposed three options and asked members to vote on each by 9:00 a.m. on November 9: (1) “Informatics”; (2) “Informatics in Graduate School of Library and Information Science”; and (3) “Informatics with Concentration in Library Information Science”. He reported the results of the poll at the November 9 Senate meeting; the majority of members who responded supported Option 3 and did not support Option 1. The sponsors of the proposal maintain that the major should be called “Informatics,” while some individuals argue that other units would be disadvantaged in the event that their college established a major in Informatics. The proposal was referred back to EPC at the November 9 Senate meeting for further discussion.

GSLIS Dean John Unsworth was in attendance at today’s meeting to present the rationale for naming the major “Informatics”. (See Unsworth email to Aminmansour, 11/15/09.) CSE Director Michael Heath argued that the term “Informatics” is too broad and would result in confusion if there are multiple majors with the same name. He expressed the view that instantiations of majors in Informatics should be distinguishable by name and proposed the use of a modifying term. Registrar Carol Malmgren provided a sample copy of a UI diploma which lists the name of the degree (e.g., Bachelor of Science) and the major (e.g., Informatics), but not the college (e.g., Graduate School of Library and Information Science). Dean Unsworth objected to the use of a modifier in light of the fact that there presently are no other degrees in Informatics offered on campus.

EPC discussed the opposing issues at length and ultimately put the matter to a vote at Dean Unsworth’s request. Professor Jankowski moved that the proposal be approved as presented. The motion was seconded and, upon vote, failed. (Two members voted in favor, seven members opposed and the Chair abstained.) After Dean Unsworth and Professor Heath departed, Chair Aminmansour asked for the Committee’s position on how to facilitate a new version of the proposal. Members agreed to be receptive to a new proposal if a modifier is used in naming the major; otherwise, the vote to oppose the proposal stands.

EP.10.16, Proposal from the College of Engineering to Revise the B.S. in Civil Engineering. Professor Jankowski moved approval of the proposal as amended. The motion was seconded and passed. This proposal will be presented for Senate action at the December 7 meeting.

V. New Business

Subcommittee A—Michael Krassa, Chair

EP.10.19, Proposal from the College of Engineering to Revise the B.S. in Agricultural and Biological Engineering. Due to time constraints, there was no discussion of this item.

EP.10.23, Proposal from the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences to Revise the B.S. in Animal Sciences. Due to time constraints, there was no discussion of this item.

EP.10.24, Proposal from the College of Media to Rename the Department of Advertising as the Charles H. Sandage Department of Advertising. Advertising Department Head Jan Slater said the proposal to rename the Department of Advertising after the founder of the discipline, Charles H. Sandage, comes in connection with the 50th anniversary of the Department. There is no monetary gift associated with the renaming. Professor Krassa noted a few typographical errors to be corrected and moved approval of the proposal with those changes. The motion was seconded and, upon voice vote, approved. EP.10.24 will be forwarded to the Senate for action at its December 7 meeting.

EP.10.28, Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Eliminate the BSLAS in Biology Honors. On behalf of the subcommittee, Professor Krassa moved approval of the proposal as submitted. The motion was seconded and approved. This item will be presented to the Senate for action at the December 7 meeting.

Subcommittee B—Phillip Geil, Chair

A public hearing to discuss EP.10.20 and EP.10.21 will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2:00-3:00 p.m., in the Lucy Ellis Lounge (FLB).
EP.10.20, Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Reorganize the Gender and Women’s Studies Program to the Department of Gender and Women’s Studies.

EP.10.21, Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Reorganize the Latina/Latino Studies Program to the Department of Latina/Latino Studies.

On behalf of the subcommittee, Professor Geil moved approval of the following proposals as submitted:

EP.10.25, Proposal from the College of Engineering to Revise the Undergraduate Minor in Physics.


EP.10.27, Proposal from the College of Engineering to Revise the B.S. in Mechanical Engineering.

The motions were seconded and, upon vote, approved. These items will be presented for Senate action at the December 7 meeting.

**Subcommittee C—Natasha Jankowski, Chair**

EP.10.18, Proposal from the College of Engineering to Revise the B.S. in Engineering Physics. On behalf of the subcommittee, Professor Jankowski moved approval of this item as amended. The motion was seconded and, upon vote, approved. The proposal will be presented for Senate action on December 7.

EP.10.22, Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Establish an Interdisciplinary Minor in Museum Studies. Due to time constraints, there was no discussion of this item.

EP.10.29, Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Revise the BALAS in Geography. Professor Jankowski moved approval of this item as amended. The motion was seconded and approved. The proposal will be presented for Senate action at the December 7 meeting.

EP.10.30, Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Revise the Undergraduate Minor in English as a Second Language. Professor Jankowski moved approval of the proposal as submitted. The motion was seconded and approved. This item will be presented for Senate action on December 7.

VI. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Christa Petrillo  
Recording Secretary

Approved as amended, 1/25/10