I. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the November 16 meeting were approved as amended.

II. Remarks of the Chair. Chair Aminmansour welcomed all to a new semester; those present introduced themselves.

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

ACES, Revisions to the BS in Crop Sciences (agroecology, crops, integrated pest management, production and management, and hort science concentrations only): Allow students to take either CHEM 232 Elementary Organic Chemistry I or CPSC 382 Organic Chem of Biol Processes. Currently students are required to take CHEM 232; allowing CPSC 382 provides flexibility for students.

ENGR, Revision to the BS in Nuclear, Plasma and Radiological Engineering: Replace AE 252 Aerospace Dynamics (2 hrs) with TAM 212 Introductory Dynamics (3 hrs), thereby increasing the number of hours required in the technical core. The professional concentration technical electives will be reduced by an hour to allow the total number of hours to remain at 128. Allow PHYS 325 & 326 and Mechanics and Relativity I & II to substitute for TAM 210 Introduction to Statics and TAM 212 Introductory Dynamics for students in the Plasma and Fusion Science and Engineering Professional concentrations. Both sets of courses contain overlapping material; however, the focus of the PHYS sequence is more relevant to students in these concentrations.

ENGR, Combined BS/MS in Mechanical Engineering: To reflect the recent change in total hours required for the BS (from 132 to 128), the requirements for the combined program need to be modified. As a combined program, students are allowed to waive 12 hours (3 hrs of MechSE electives, 3 hrs of technical electives, and 6 hrs of free electives) toward the BS; the revision would reduce that number to 8 (3 hrs of MechSE electives, 3 hrs of technical electives and 2 hrs of free electives). This revision only affects the BS portion of the degree requirements.

In addition to these updates, Ms. Kuntz reported that her office has received a number of inquiries concerning the definition and purpose of Reading Day, including scheduled study sessions and student participation in such activities. Chair Aminmansour entertained a motion for EPC to work with the Conference on Conduct Governance to clarify and define expectations for and use of Reading Day. The motion was seconded and approved. Chair Aminmansour will write to CCG Chair Kevin Waspi.

In closing, Ms. Kuntz asked for volunteers to assist with the review of course proposals.

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 was transmitted to the Council of Undergraduate Deans for its input. That group, convened by Professor Peter Mortensen, is scheduled to meet on February 10.

Degree Completion Task Group held its first meeting on Friday, October 30. There was no report of further action on this matter.

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, with a view to organizing broader discussion among Senate members of the issues involved in implementing an online system.

Subcommittee A—Michael Krassa, Chair

EP.10.17, Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of Business to Establish a Graduate Minor in Corporate Governance and International Business. Professor Newcomb expressed concern about admissions qualifications. Chair Aminmansour conveyed Professor Michael’s request that discussion of the proposal be deferred to the next meeting to allow for his participation.

* EP.10.19, Proposal from the College of Engineering to Revise the B.S. in Agricultural and Biological Engineering. Professor Krassa said the subcommittee reviewed this item briefly. In addition to a word change, it was noted that letters of support are missing from CHEM, MCB and CHBE. Professor Krassa moved approval of the proposal, pending receipt of the three letters and the minor change in wording. The motion was approved by voice vote.

* EP.10.23, Proposal from the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences to Revise the B.S. in Animal Sciences. Professor Krassa moved approval of the proposal; the motion was seconded. David Olsen questioned the budgetary implications, noting the addition of two academic staff positions. Ms. Kramer indicated that these positions would replace a retiring faculty advisor. Upon voice vote, the motion was approved with one opposition.

Subcommittee B—Phillip Geil, Chair

A public hearing to discuss EP.10.20 and EP.10.21 was held on Wednesday, December 9, 2:00-3:00 p.m., in the Lucy Ellis Lounge (FLB). The minutes of the hearing were distributed with the day’s agenda. Mr. Olsen asked that the question he raised concerning the mission and name of Gender and Women’s Studies be included in the written summary. Dean Mester will submit a revised report to be included with the proposals.

* EP.10.20, Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Reorganize the Gender and Women’s Studies Program [to] as the Department of Gender and Women’s Studies. Professor Geil suggested that the name of the proposal be changed as indicated. (Text to be deleted is in [square brackets]; text to be added is underscored.) He then moved approval of the proposal. The motion was seconded and, upon vote, approved.

* EP.10.21, Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Reorganize the Latina/Latino Studies Program [to] as the Department of Latina/Latino Studies. Mr. Olsen noted inconsistencies in the unit bylaws regarding the naming of the promotions and tenure committee. He and Professor Geil will email their comments to Dean Mester. Professor Geil suggested that the name of the proposal be changed as indicated. (Text to be deleted is in [square brackets]; text to be added is underscored.) He then moved approval of the proposal as amended. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Subcommittee C—Natasha Jankowski, Chair

* EP.10.22, Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Establish an Interdisciplinary Minor in Museum Studies. Mr. Olsen inquired about the number of 100-level courses available to students completing this minor; Ms. Jankowski will ask that the requirement be clarified. Mr. Olsen also questioned the financial implications of the proposal.
On behalf of the subcommittee, Ms. Jankowski moved approval of EP.10.22; the motion was seconded and approved by voice vote with one abstention.

V. New Business

Subcommittee A—Michael Krassa, Chair

* EP.10.31, Proposal from the Graduate College and College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences to Rename the M.S. and Ph.D. in Agricultural and Consumer Economics as the M.S. and Ph.D. in Agricultural and Applied Economics. Professor Krassa moved approval of the proposal as submitted. The motion was seconded and approved.

EP.10.32, Proposal from the Graduate College and College of Veterinary Medicine to Rename the Department of Veterinary Biosciences as the Department of Comparative Biosciences. It was noted that there is no record of a faculty vote at the college level. EPC action on the matter will be tabled until a vote of the VMED faculty has been taken.

Subcommittee B—Phillip Geil, Chair

EP.10.34, Proposal from the Graduate College and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Establish a M.A. in Religion. Professor Geil noted that the word “revised” would be removed under additional requirements, paragraph D. Mr. Olsen inquired about the impact on the Library. Professor Newcomb noted the absence of intellectual justification for the degree offering. EPC action on the matter will be tabled until this information is provided.

* EP.10.35, Proposal from the Graduate College and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Establish a Graduate Minor in Asian American Studies. Professor McDowell referred to the section on advising, saying it is not clear that the minor advisor would be affiliated with the Asian American Studies Program. Professor Geil moved approval of the proposal pending clarification of this statement. The motion was seconded and approved.

Subcommittee C—Natasha Jankowski, Chair

* EP.10.33, Proposal from the College of Engineering to Revise the Undergraduate Curriculum in Bioengineering. Ms. Jankowski recommended approval of this proposal pending receipt of clearance signatures. The motion was seconded and approved.

VI. Reports to Senate. Proposals approved at today’s meeting (*) will be presented to the Senate for action at the February 22 Senate meeting.

VII. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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Recording Secretary
Approved, 2/8/10