Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Minutes of Meeting
October 25, 2010

Present: Abbas Aminmansour, Chair; Max Ellithorpe, Bettina Francis, Poshek Fu, Phillip Geil, Michael Krassa, Jordan McNamara, Steve Michael, Gay Miller, Lori Newcomb, David Olsen, Manas Parikh, Leslie Struble

Ex officio: Andrea Golato, Julian Parrott, Faye Lesht, Carol Malmgren, Keith Marshall

Guests: Carol Livingstone, Ann Mester, Lucy Rich, Laurie Kramer, Walter Hurley, Steve Huber, Kevin Sightler, Gale Summerfield

A regular meeting of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy was called to order at 1:15 p.m., on Monday, October 25, in 232 English Building with Chair Abbas Aminmansour presiding.

I. Announcements. Noting that the Annual Meeting of the Faculty will convene at 3:10 p.m. in Levis Faculty Center, Chair Aminmansour deferred his comments to discussion of the proposals on the day’s agenda.

II. Approval of Minutes. The October 4 minutes were distributed and will be circulated via email for comment.

III. Remarks of the Chair. None.

IV. Updates from the Provost’s Office and Graduate College. In an email dated October 8, Assistant Provost Kristi Kuntz provided a summary of recent administrative approvals (excerpted below):

ACES - Revision to the minor in Animal Sciences. ANSC 101: Contemporary Animal Issues is now required as a foundation course for the minor. This mirrors the requirement for incoming majors. The series of core discipline-specific courses (formerly ANSC 321, 331, 340 and 362) have been replaced by ANSC 221, 222, 223 and 224). The change in courses reflects the recent changes approved for the minor. The revisions to the major revised and renumbered the original courses. The remaining hours come from two 300- or 400- level Animal Sciences courses.

ACES - Revision of the BS in Food Science and Human Nutrition. All revisions are due to changes made by other departments. ACES requests immediate approval to prevent difficulties for the incoming freshmen. CHEM 232 has been modified from 3 to 4 hours and MCB 103/104 (4 hours) is now MCB 244/245 and MCB 246/247 (10 hours for all four courses), these change are effective Fall 2010. The department believes that the content of these courses is relevant to their students so they propose eliminating ACE 161 and reducing the number of required Humanities hours from 9 to 6 to offset the additional hours required by the CHEM and MCB courses. ACE 161 - Microcomputer Applications: these applications are taught in high school; the course will remain as an elective.

AHS - Revision of the BS in Kinesiology, Teacher Certification. Students are currently required to complete 49 hours of specific coursework and pick one course from a list of six. The department proposes to reduce the list of six courses to two. Students will now take either KIN 320 - Adv Assess of Athl Injuries UE or KIN 325 - Adv Assess of Athl Injuries LE. The department has been unable to offer these courses at regular intervals due to faculty teaching loads. Remove: KIN 462 - Research on Teacher Education, KIN 465 - Qualitative Research in Education, KIN 494 - Research on Teaching, KIN 494 - Advanced Curriculum.

EDU - Revision of the BS in Special Education.

1) Currently the curriculum specifies that students must take PSYC 216 and MCB 103 as two of their GenEd requirements. PSYC 216 no longer fulfills a general education requirement and MCB 103 limits student’s choice. We have a letter of acknowledgement from MCB.

2) The department wishes to revise the number of hours required in the distribution areas of GenEd: Humanities and the Arts, Social and Behavioral Sciences as well as Natural Sciences & Technology. They currently require 9 hours in each area and would like to require 6 hours in each area. The change aligns the requirement with the majority of academic programs on campus and provides additional elective flexibility for the students.
3) The department wishes to add a professional education requirement which focuses on human development. Students would select from PSYC 216, EPSY 236, HDFS 105 or other course approved by the Program Coordinator. I have requested letters from EPSY and HDFS. The cumulative effect of the change is 6 additional hours of electives.

FAA - Revision of the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture. Majors are currently required to take LA 438 - Design Workshop Studio II; the department would like to allow the students the option of taking LA 438 or HORT 456 - Residential Site Design II. HORT has agreed to cross-list this course with LA 456. This minor change will accommodate BLA students whose professional goals are focused more on residential design.

LAS - Revision of the proposed BALAS in Latina/Latino Studies. Although this proposal is still awaiting IBHE review, the department would like to remove mention of the specific courses listed in the three thematic areas in the POS. The department will maintain the lists internally. Students are required to take 6 hours in each area.

LAS – Revision of the BALAS in Social Science: History Teaching Concentration. Students are currently required to take HIST 273 - Illinois History, the department proposes to add HIST 288 - American Indians of Illinois as an alternative. The course provides an introduction to the history and experiences of American Indian peoples in Illinois from the perspective of anthropology, history and cultural expression. The Council on Teacher Education has approved the proposal.

LAS - Revision of the minor in American Indian Studies. The program wishes to no longer require AIS 301 - Theories and Methods in AIS for the minor. Students can take the course as an option in the 'Colonialism, Decolonization, and Indigeneity' subject area. This change also reduces the number of required hours from 21 to 18.

LAS - Revision of the BALAS in Economics. Students are currently required to take 30 hours of Economics for the major. Of those 30 hours, 18 are specific courses. The department proposes to add ECON 198 - Economics at Illinois to the list of specified courses. ECON 198 is a one-hour introductory course intended to help students explore the various fields of economics. Eleven hours will remain for the student to make independent choices from other offerings in ECON.

LAS - Revision of the minor in Latina/Latino Studies. The program proposes to align the minor with the proposed undergraduate major. In addition to LLS 100 - Intro to Latina/Latino Studies students will be required to take LLS 385 - Theory and Methods in LLS. To provide more context to the additional coursework, students will take 3 hours from each of the three thematic areas outlined in the major (Literature, Media and Culture; Race, Gender and Sexuality; and History, Politics and Society) and complete the minor with electives in LLS. The total number of hours remains unchanged at 21.

There was no report from the Graduate College.

V. **Old Business.**

  **Degree Completion Task Group.** Discussion was deferred to the next EPC meeting.

  **Subcommittee C—Bettina Francis**

  * EP.11.06, Proposal from the College of Engineering to establish the Customized Concentration in the B.S. in Materials Science and Engineering. The proposal was approved.

  * EP.11.09, Proposal from the College of ACES to Establish the Agricultural Leadership and Science Education (ALSE) Program. The proposal was approved as revised and with the change in title to: Establish the Agricultural Education Program in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

  * EP.11.10, Proposal from the College of ACES to Establish the B.S. in Agricultural Leadership and Science Education. The concerns expressed regarding EP.11.09 were reiterated relative to this proposal. The proposal was approved as revised.

VI. **New Business.**

  **Dual Credit Policy—Keith Marshall.** Associate Provost Keith Marshall provided background information on the practice of and criterion for applying college transfer credit to high school students. Chair Aminmansour noted that this matter has also been a topic of discussion for the Illinois Board of Higher Education Faculty Advisory Council. In an advisory vote to change the current policy, EPC members voted 12 in favor; 2 opposed.
Subcommittee A—Michael Krassa

EP.11.11, Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of LAS to Establish a Professional Science Master’s Concentration in the MS in Plant Biology. Chair Krassa indicated that there are a number of problems with the proposal as presented. The Committee briefly discussed these issues with input from IGB Affiliate Steve Huber and Illinois PSM Visiting Director Kevin Sightler; Mr. Huber will provide a revised version of the proposal for further consideration.

Subcommittee B—Phillip Geil

* EP.11.12, Proposal from the Graduate College to Establish a Graduate Minor in Gender Relations in International Development (GRID). Professor Gale Summerfield was present to address questions related to gender concerns in the course syllabi; other questions will be directed to the sponsors of the proposal. Professor Geil moved approval of the report pending adequate response to the issues raised. The motion was approved by voice vote.

[* Indicates approval for the November 8 consent agenda.]

VII. Pending Proposals.

EP.10.47, Proposal from the Senate Educational Policy Committee to make changes in Final Exam Policies. There was no discussion.

VIII. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Christa Petrillo
Recording Secretary