Present: Abbas Aminmansour, Chair; Marni Boppart, Paul Diehl, Max Ellithorpe, Bettina Francis, Phillip Geil, Michael Krassa, Steve Michael, Gay Miller, David Olsen, Manas Parikh, Rosa Rosas, Margarita Teran-Garcia

Ex officio: Brenda Clevenger, Andrea Golato, Julian Parrott, Kristi Kuntz, Faye Lesht, Carol Malmgren, Keith Marshall

Invited Guests: Carol Livingstone

A regular meeting of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy was called to order at 1:10 p.m., on Monday, February 7, in 232 English Building with Chair Abbas Aminmansour presiding.

I. Announcements. Chair Aminmansour noted that EP.11.18, EP.11.24 and EP.11.25, listed on the day’s agenda, were approved by EPC for Senate action at our January 31 meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes. As the minutes of the January 31 meeting were not available, approval was deferred to the next meeting.

III. Remarks of the Chair. Chair’s remarks were deferred so the group might deliberate on the business at hand.

IV. Updates from the Provost's Office and Graduate College. There were no updates from the Provost’s Office. Dean Golato noted that the Graduate College will comment on the Graduate GPA items under consideration by EPC in the near future (EP.11.04 and EP.11.05).

Professor Michael inquired about the establishment of a campus level committee that will review educational policy proposals; Ms. Kuntz indicated that this committee will not usurp the role of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy.

V. Old Business.

Subcommittee A—Michael Krassa. Mr. Olsen raised concerns about the scheduling of a subcommittee meeting to discuss EP.11.26, specifically with delayed posting of the notice as prescribed by the Open Meetings Act, and he moved that EPC defer action on all proposals under consideration by Subcommittee A at today’s meeting. Chair Aminmansour noted that the majority of subcommittee deliberations occur via email and that all EPC members are encouraged to provide their comments and criticisms of any proposal presented for action to the assigned subcommittee. He suggested that EPC proceed with discussion of the proposals assigned to Subcommittee A, so that any objections could be heard by the entire Committee at this time.

EP.11.19, Proposal from the College of ACES to revise and rename the Agri-Finance concentration as the Finance in Agriculture concentration in the B.S. in Agricultural and Consumer Economics. Professor Krassa indicated that this item is not ready for vote by EPC.

* EP.11.20, Proposal from the College of LAS to revise the M.S. in Astronomy. Professor Krassa moved approval of the proposal, as revised. The motion was seconded and approved.

* EP.11.21, Proposal from the College of LAS to revise the Ph.D. in Astronomy. Professor Krassa moved approval of the proposal, as revised. The motion was seconded and approved.

EP.11.23, Proposal from the College of FAA to create two new concentrations, one in instrumental conducting-wind band and one in instrumental conducting-orchestra. Professor Krassa moved approval of the proposal with revisions; the motion was seconded. Mr. Olsen moved to table discussion of the proposal until missing information is provided. The motion was seconded and, upon vote by a show of hands, approved (with two opposed); therefore, the motion to approve the revised proposal was defeated.

EP.11.26, Proposal from the College of ACES to establish an undergraduate minor in Interdisciplinary Leadership Studies. There was considerable discussion regarding the Open Meetings Act and the lack of opportunity for subcommittee members to congregate to discuss the proposal. Despite the controversy, the Committee discussed some of the issues of concern (primarily monetary) and a motion was called to table action. The motion was defeated by a show of hands, four in favor and seven opposed. Additional discussion ensued regarding the process by which the proposal was considered by the subcommittee. Professor Geil called for the approval of the proposal; the motion was seconded. Ms. Livingstone asked that the word
“Interdisciplinary” be removed from the title. The motion to approve the proposal, as revised, was passed by a show of hands (8-2).

EP.11.30, Proposal from the College of LAS to revise the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Gender and Women’s Studies. Awaiting word from sponsors.

Subcommittee B—Phillip Geil
EP.11.29, Proposal from Associate Provost Keith Marshall to reconsider the Dual Credit Policy. The proposal will be reworded for EPC action.

Subcommittee C—Bettina Francis
EP.11.14, Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to revise Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts & Sciences in Religion degree. Awaiting word from sponsors.

EP.11.16, Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to revise and rename the Interdisciplinary Minor in Gender and Women Studies as the Undergraduate Minor in Gender and Women’s Studies. Awaiting word from sponsors.

EP.11.17, Proposal from the College of LAS to revise the Undergraduate Minor in LGBT/Queer Studies. Awaiting word from sponsors.

EP.11.28, Proposal from the College of ACES to establish a minor in Horticulture. Professor Francis moved approval of the proposal as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.

VI. New Business.

Entire Committee—Abbas Aminmansour (2:15 p.m.)
EP.11.32, Proposal from the Chancellor and Provost to close the Institute of Aviation. Chair Aminmansour reviewed the procedures for termination of a unit according to Senate Standing Rule 13. A public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 3:30-5:00 p.m., in Noyes Lab. A special EPC meeting will be held on Monday, March 14 to discuss the results of the hearing.

VII. Pending Proposals. There was no discussion of the proposals listed below.

Subcommittee A—Michael Krassa
EP.11.08, Proposal from the College of LAS to eliminate the B.S. in Biophysics.

EP.11.15, Proposal from the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs to Eliminate the BS in Aviation Human Factors and the MS in Human Factors in the Institute of Aviation.

Subcommittee B—Phillip Geil
EP.11.04, Proposal from the Graduate College to revise the policy regarding how repeated courses are factoring into graduate GPA’s.

EP.11.05, Proposal from the Graduate College to clarify the policy regarding how graduate GPA’s are calculated.

Subcommittee C—Bettina Francis
EP.10.47, Proposal from the Senate Educational Policy Committee to make changes in Final Exam Policies.

VIII. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Christa Petrillo
Recording Secretary

Approved as written, March 7, 2011

* Indicates approval for the February 28 Senate consent agenda.