A regular meeting of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy was called to order at 1:10 p.m., on Monday, February 28, in 232 English Building with Chair Abbas Aminmansour presiding.

I. Announcements.
Chair Aminmansour noted that a public hearing relative to closure of the Institute of Aviation has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, at 3:30 p.m., in 100 Noyes Lab.; deadline for receipt of comments is Thursday, March 10; and a special EPC meeting will be held on Monday, March 14, at 1:10 p.m. to discuss the proposal.

II. Approval of Minutes.
The minutes of January 31 and February 7 were distributed; comments, corrections and other changes will be solicited via email.

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 provided a list of administrative approvals from the Graduate College (distributed to the Committee via email and incorporated by reference in these Minutes.)

V. Old Business.
Subcommittee A—Michael Krassa.
EP.11.08, Proposal from the College of LAS to eliminate the B.S. in Biophysics. This proposal will be referred back to the LAS Core Curriculum Committee and was withdrawn from further consideration by EPC.

EP.11.19, Proposal from the College of ACES to revise and rename the Agri-Finance concentration as the Finance in Agribusiness concentration in the B.S. in Agricultural and Consumer Economics. Questions were raised concerning whether the College of Business and Finance Department have signed-off on the requested name change. Professor Krassa will email the Dean and Department Head, and the proposal will be considered further at the March 7 EPC meeting.

* 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. Following discussion of revisions to Appendix A, Professor Krassa moved approval of the proposal as revised. The motion was seconded and, upon vote, approved.

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. A number of questions concerning this proposal and related proposals (EP.11.16 and EP.11.17) have not yet been addressed by the sponsors. These items will be discussed at the March 7 EPC meeting.

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. This proposal was moved to “Pending Items.”

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. Discussion was deferred to the March 7 meeting.

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. A number of questions concerning this proposal and related proposals (EP.11.17 and EP.11.30) have not yet been addressed by the sponsors. These items will be discussed at the March 7 EPC meeting.
EP.11.17, Proposal from the College of LAS to revise the Undergraduate Minor in LGBT/Queer Studies. A number of questions concerning this proposal and related proposals (EP.11.16 and EP.11.30) have not yet been addressed by the sponsors. These items will be discussed at the March 7 EPC meeting.

Entire Committee—Abbas Aminmansour (2:15 p.m.)

EP.11.32, Proposal from the Chancellor and Provost to close the Institute of Aviation. As noted above, a public hearing relative to closure of the Institute of Aviation has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, at 3:30 p.m., in 100 Noyes Lab.; deadline for receipt of comments is Thursday, March 10; and a special EPC meeting will be held on Monday, March 14, at 1:10 p.m. to discuss the proposal.

Task Group on Textbooks—Michael Krassa
The report of the task group was approved by EPC and will be transmitted to Interim Associate Provost Peter Mortensen.

VI. New Business.

Entire Committee—Abbas Aminmansour

Provisional Electronic Communications Policy Document. Chair Aminmansour welcomed Michael Corn, who presented the provisional Electronic Communications Policy document. The proposed policy covers accessibility, ownership/copyright of content, allowable users/uses, massmail, unsolicited communications, use of the University's name, false identity/anonymous communications, privacy, security, record retention/disposal, emergency communications, email addresses/identifiers, contact information, faculty and staff, students, educational use, shared accounts, and exemption requests. EPC members were asked to review the document and email Mr. Corn with any comments.

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

Subcommittee A—Michael Krassa

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 2:50 p.m.

* Indicates approval for the March 28 Senate consent agenda.

Christa Petrillo
Recording Secretary
Approved as written, April 11, 2011