Present: Abbas Aminmansour, Chair; Paul Diehl, Bettina Francis, Phillip Geil, Shana Harrison, Michael Krassa, Steve Michael, Lori Newcomb, David Olsen, Manas Parikh, Rosa Rosas, Margarita Teran-Garcia

Ex officio: Andrea Golato, Julian Parrott, Kristi Kuntz, Faye Lesht, Carol Malmgren

Invited Guests: Carol Livingstone, Lucy Rich

Observers: administrators, faculty and students to support of EP.11.19 and GWS proposals EP.11.16, EP.11.17 and EP.11.30

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

I. Announcements. Those present introduced themselves. Chair Aminmansour welcomed incoming student member Shana Harrison.

II. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of January 31 and February 7 were approved as distributed; the minutes of the February 28 meeting will be circulated via email for comment.

III. Remarks of the Chair. Chair Aminmansour reminded the Committee that a public hearing on closure of the Institute of Aviation will be held Tuesday, March 8, at 3:30 p.m., in 100 Noyes Lab.; deadline for public comments is Thursday, March 10; and a special EPC meeting to discuss the proposal will be held on Monday, March 14, at 1:10 p.m., in 210 Illini Union (General Lounge). Meantime, a vote of unit faculty is being taken on the proposed termination of programs and closure of the Institute.

IV. Updates from the Provost's Office and Graduate College. None.

V. Old Business.

Subcommittee A—Michael Krassa.

* 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. Professor Krassa noted that a number of letters from affected units have been received in the past week. The sponsors and several other observers spoke in support of the name change. Professor John Braden, ACE Director of Undergraduate Programs, distributed a statement summarizing the affirmative arguments for revising the name of the concentration and responding to opposition expressed by the College of Business. The group discussed the proposed name change, implications for trademark to consumers, and how the concentration will appear on student record (only on transcript, not diploma). A motion by Professor Michael to change the concentration to Agricultural Finance did not receive a second. Professor Diehl moved to divide the question; the motion was seconded: 1) approve the substance of the proposal; and 2) approve renaming the concentration. Upon vote, the motion to approve the substance was approved without dissent; the motion to rename the concentration “Finance in Agribusiness” was approved, 7 in favor; 5 opposed. (Chair Aminmansour abstained.)

* 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. Upon vote, the proposal was approved as revised.

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. A revised copy of the proposal to EPC members for reconsideration.

* 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. The word “undergraduate” was removed from the title. The proposal was approved with this and other agreed upon revisions.

* EP.11.17, Proposal from the College of LAS to revise the Undergraduate Minor in LGBT/Queer Studies. Upon vote, the proposal was approved as revised.
Entire Committee—Abbas Aminmansour

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. Chair Aminmansour proposed the following procedures for handling the proposal: allow an executive session for discussion by EPC members prior to vote; vote by paper ballot; no voting by proxy; and, regardless of the outcome, EPC will file a report on its action to the Senate. There were no objections.

VI. New Business. None.

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.

EP.11.29, Proposal from Associate Provost Keith Marshall to reconsider the Dual Credit Policy.

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 2:55 p.m.

* Indicates approval for the March 28 Senate consent agenda.

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