Senate Committee on Educational Policy  
Minutes of Meeting  
March 28, 2011

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

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

Invited Guests: Robert Easter, Interim Chancellor; Tom Emanuel, Interim AVIA Director; H. George Friedman, Senate Parliamentarian; Carol Livingstone, Associate Provost, Management Information; Lucy Rich, LAS Assistant Dean; Joyce Tolliver, SEC Chair; Richard Wheeler, Interim Provost; Professors Alex Kirlik and Terry von Thaden, former Human Factors Division faculty;

Observers: Katherine Galvin, Assistant Provost; Robin Kaler, Associate Chancellor; Peter Mortensen, Associate Provost; local news media

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

I. Announcements. Chair Aminmansour welcomed all, especially invited participants in EPC reconsideration of EP.11.15; those present introduced themselves. The group immediately moved to discussion of Item VII (see below).

II. Approval of Minutes. Discussion of past minutes was deferred.

III. Remarks of the Chair. The Chair deferred his remarks to discussion of EP.11.15 (Item VII below).

IV. Updates from the Provost's Office and Graduate College. A detailed summary of the following administrative approvals was distributed with the agenda:

- ACES—Revisions to the BS in Human Development and Family Studies, concentrations in Child and Adolescent Development and Family Studies.
- BUS—Revisions to the BS in Finance.
- ENGR—Revisions to the undergraduate minor in Bioengineering.
- LAS—Revisions to the BSLAS in Integrative Biology, Integrative Biology Honors concentration; and Revisions to the Minor in Philosophy.
- GRAD—Minor Revision to the MS and PhD in Material Science and Engineering

V. Old Business

Subcommittee B—Phillip Geil

EP.11.29, Proposal from Associate Provost Keith Marshall to reconsider the Dual Credit Policy. Professor Geil moved approval of the revised policy. Dean Rich provided additional comments to clarify the scope of proposed changes. The motion to approve was tabled until the April 4 EPC meeting. Meantime, Mr. Marshall will seek concurrence of proposed changes by the Council of Undergraduate Deans.

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. Professor Francis recommended approval of the revised proposal; the motion was seconded and approved.

VI. New Business

Subcommittee A—Michael Krassa

EP.11.33, Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to reorganize the Asian American Studies Program as the Department of Asian American Studies. This proposal requires a public hearing in accordance with Senate Standing Rule 13.
Subcommittee B—Phillip Geil

* EP.11.34, Proposal from the Graduate College to terminate the M.A. in Mathematics. On behalf of the subcommittee, Professor Geil recommended approval of this proposal. Upon vote, the motion was approved.

Subcommittee C—Bettina Francis

EP.11.35, Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to revise and rename the BSLAS in Earth, Society, and Environment as Earth, Society and Environmental Sustainability. This item is under review by the subcommittee.

VII. Discussion

EP.11.15, Proposal from the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs to eliminate the BS in Aviation Human Factors, the Professional Pilot Curriculum, and the MS in Human Factors in the Institute of Aviation. Chair Aminmansour provided background on EPC and Senate discussion of the proposal. On November 15, 2010, EPC approved the proposal for action by the Senate. During Senate discussion of the matter on December 6, a count for quorum was called and found to be 27 senators short of the 100 needed for a quorum. The action portion of the Senate meeting was adjourned and EP.11.15 would appear automatically as the first item under Old Business on the February 28 Senate agenda. In the meantime, EPC received another proposal from the Chancellor and Provost—to close the Institute of Aviation (EP.11.32); this item was discussed during the February 7 EPC meeting, at which time a March 8 public hearing on the matter was announced. At the February 28 Senate meeting, Chair Aminmansour moved that the Senate refer EP.11.15 back to EPC in light of this development. The motion was approved. EP.11.15 remained pending on the EPC agenda while attention was given to EP.11.32.

At a special EPC meeting held March 14, the motion to approve EP.11.32 was defeated. EPC today began reconsideration of the proposal to eliminate the Human Factors degree programs in AVIA and the Professional Pilot Training program. Chair Aminmansour noted that all materials related to EPC study of EP.11.32 can be found on the EPC web site: http://senate.illinois.edu/ep/Aviation.htm

Professor Emeritus and Senate Parliamentarian H. George Friedman offered that since EP.11.15 had been returned to the committee and EP.11.32 is still under its jurisdiction, EPC is at liberty to act on the proposals sponsored by the Chancellor and Provost in any number of ways, e.g., refer back to the sponsors with specific recommendations to clarify the disposition of each component or combine the proposals and/or consider each part separately.

During discussion of various scenarios, Dean Golato said the Graduate College would be willing to temporarily house the MS in Human Factors program for one year. Chancellor Easter observed that this would provide an opportunity to ascertain the level of interest in retaining Human Factors and to find a permanent academic home for the program. Professor Geil moved that EPC combine the two proposals into one action item for further consideration at the April 4 EPC meeting and presentation to the Senate; the motion was seconded. The committee discussed whether to separate the MS degree from the other three components. Provost Wheeler suggested that he and the Chancellor develop a position statement on the disposition of each component and on relevant IBHE policies. The question of whether to reconfigure the proposals for consideration at the next EPC meeting was called. Upon vote, the motion was approved by a show of hands: 9 in favor, 3 opposed (Chair Aminmansour abstained).

VIII. Pending Proposals. Unless otherwise indicated, 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, the Professional Pilot Curriculum, and the MS in Human Factors in the Institute of Aviation. (See Item VII above.)

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.

IX. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

* Indicates approval for the April 25 Senate consent agenda.

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Recording Secretary

Approved via email, 4/18/11