I. Announcements. Chair Aminmansour welcomed all to the final meeting of the 2010-11 committee. He reminded members that a public hearing on the proposal to reorganize the Asian American Studies Program as a Department will be held today at 3:30 p.m. in 210 Illini Union. Comments will be received by EPC until April 15; the item will be carried over to the 2011-12 committee agenda.

II. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of February 28 and March 7 were approved as distributed; the minutes of the March 14 meeting will be revised for final approval via email.

III. Remarks of the Chair. Noting today as the last meeting of this year’s committee, Chair Aminmansour expressed pleasure and honor in being associated with those most closely involved in the work of the Educational Policy Committee: its members, campus administrators and staff. Dr. Aminmansour has served on EPC for the last eight years and as chair for the past seven years. Professor Gay Miller has been nominated as chair of the 2011-12 committee; Senate committee elections will be held on Monday, April 18.

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

V. Old 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. As Chair Aminmansour mentioned in his announcements, a public hearing will be held this afternoon, 3:30-4:30 p.m., in 210 Illini Union (General Lounge).

Subcommittee B—Phillip Geil

* EP.11.36, Proposal from the College of Business to revise the minor in Business for Non-Business majors. Professor Geil referred to email communications which addressed concerns about enrollment restrictions on minors, adding that Professor William Qualls, Head of the Business Administration Department, was present to respond to any additional questions. Professor Qualls explained the rationale for modifying the minor to add required electives and open more spaces for Business minor students. Following discussion, Professor Geil moved approval of the proposal. The motion was seconded and, upon vote, approved.

VI. New Business. See Item VIII below.

VII. Pending Proposals. Chair Aminmansour described the status of pending items.

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EP.11.04, Proposal from the Graduate College to revise the policy regarding how repeated courses are factoring into graduate GPA's; and

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

EP.11.04 and .05 are being reconsidered by the Graduate College, who is working with the Registrar’s Office. Ms. Malmgren said the language in the student Code gives the appearance that UI record-keeping is not in compliance with the current policy for calculating GPA’s. Chair
Aminmansour noted that the Conference on Conduct Governance ordinarily recommends amendments to the Code, and that CCG and EPC have worked together on policy matters in the past.

* EP.11.29, Proposal from Associate Provost Keith Marshall to reconsider the Dual Credit Policy. The revised proposal was circulated to the committee prior to the day’s meeting. Professor Geil moved approval. The motion was seconded and, upon vote, approved.

Subcommittee C—Bettina Francis

EP.10.47, Proposal from the Senate Educational Policy Committee to make changes in Final Exam Policies. Chair Aminmansour reported on behalf of Ms. Kuntz that work on the proposed changes is progressing.

The group briefly discussed EPC’s role as a second level of review for curriculum changes in small units where there is no distinction between departmental and college level review.

VIII. Adjournment. Prior to adjourment, Professor Geil read aloud the following motion:

Whereas Professor Abbas Aminmansour has served admirably as Chair of EPC since the fall of 2004, and as Vice-Chair before that; and

Whereas he is retiring from this position at the end of this academic year;

I hereby move a standing ovation in honor of the outstanding leadership and statesmanship that Abbas has displayed; and that a copy of this motion be entered into the record of this meeting.

The motion was seconded and approved by way of a standing ovation and well wishes. Chair Aminmansour said again how honored he felt to serve as committee chair over the past seven years, and he expressed high praise and regard for the relationship between Ed Pol and the Provost’s Office.

Congratulations followed, and the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m. for cake and coffee.

* Indicates approval for the April 25 Senate consent agenda.

Christa Petrillo
Recording Secretary
Approved via email, 4/18/11