Senate Committee on Educational Policy  
Monday, April 1, 2013

MINUTES

Present: Gay Miller, Chair; Lauren Eiten; Max Ellithorpe; Bettina Francis; Phillip Geil; Prasanta Kalita; Randy McCarthy; Jerome McDonough; Eric Meyer; Steven Michael; Paul Prior

Ex Officio: Brenda Clevenger; Mary Lowry for Bill Buttlar; Faye Lesht; Kristi Kuntz

Guests: Karen Carney, Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Amy Edwards, Assistant Provost & Director, Division of Management Information; Zsuzsa Gille, Associate Professor, Sociology; Rodney Hoewing, Associate Registrar for Student Systems, Office of the Registrar; Edward Kolodziej, Director, Center for Global Studies; Laurie Kramer, Associate Dean, Academic Programs, ACES; Lovick “Rich” Martin, Department Head and Associate Professor, Journalism

A regular meeting of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy was called to order at 1:09pm on Monday, April 1, 2013 in Room 232 English Building with Chair Gay Miller presiding.

I. Introductions

II. Approval of Minutes – March 11, 2013 – The minutes will stand approved as corrected.

III. Chair’s Remarks (Miller)
Miller met with the Provost, Barb Wilson, Mike Andrechak and Matt Wheeler re: funding distribution for self-supporting new programs. Results: drafting a policy guidance for depts. related to income and revenue, which will be added to Provost’s Communication #1; and they will brief Ed Pol on Provost’s perspective and address committee questions every fall and spring.
Miller attended Flipping the Classroom seminar given by Dr. Fus from Ohio State, which was very interesting.
Miller circulated a News-Gazette article on Law School student loans and their inability to repay based on earning capacity after graduation. She noted the same circumstance also applies to Vet Med professional students.

IV. Provost’s Office Updates (Kuntz)
Got administrative approval for Russian minor in Lit; will allow students to complete it in a more timely fashion. Overall hours still remain at 18-20.
Also, proposal pipeline update: time to stop forwarding new proposals to Ed Pol before end of year. Kuntz is advising proposal authors that it will not be reviewed until fall.

V. Graduate College Updates (Lowry)
Grad College administratively approved a minor revision to the existing joint BS/MS in Computer Science. This week is Grad Student Appreciation Week. An administrative
approval for Music - minimum GPA changed from 2.75 to 3.0, effective next fall. Minor revision from HRE for grad students in HR Development concentration for a two-course change. Executive Committee approved policy for students to take academic leave of absence and be absent without leave. No policy exists currently. Provides a checklist for students with ISSS, loans, classes, general impact. Request must be done in advance of the semester. When approved, a student can leave a program and come back without changing the clock or affecting their academic standing. If student leaves during semester, needs to withdraw. Leave without approval means requirements may change upon re-entry.

VI. Report on MOOCs (Buttlar, Kalita, McCarthy)
Meeting last week; 26 proposals. Short-listed 11 for Phase II.

VII. Old Business
      Met last Thursday. Flexibility is key.
   B. Subcommittee A – Paul Prior, Chair: Carey Ash, William Buttlar, Brenda Clevenger, Susan Curtis, Bettina Francis, Prasanta Kalita, Eric Meyer
      i. EP.13.14: Proposal to Permanently Establish the Center on Health, Aging, and Disability in the College of Applied Health Sciences
      ii. EP.13.23: Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Establish a New Graduate Minor in Global Studies
      The revision clarified issues on several topics:
         a. List of courses: letters need to be articulated; programs and departments don’t align; topics don’t align. Two courses from a unit other than their home dept.? Ok per Kolodziej. Needs clarification. Do the course requirements inhibit the coherence of the program? No, per Kolodziej, must have complex knowledge requirements. Once the Minor is approved, list of courses can be changed with an admin approval, per Kuntz. Miller suggests grouping courses in the proposal underneath a framework as one way to help clarify.
         b. Enrollment concerns and requirement concerns (GLB 500): per Kolodziej, new core course will be offered for the Minor, to be taken first; provides framework for Global Studies field. Kolodziej will make revision/clarification to that. Will have enough graduate seminars every semester; no obstacle for students to get required courses.
         c. Issue with name “Global”: Per Gille, this field is also called Transnational Studies. New methodological and theoretical frameworks provide a scholarly foundation for this field. Methodological nationalism: in traditional social science,
existence is the assumption. New thinking challenges that and says Geography, Humanities, and Sociology can make comparisons without being isolated/unrelated.

Twenty-five units would benefit from this minor, and they have no quarrel with it. Misleading to reduce human problems and declare this field invalid. Seventy universities across the world have related programs of study. Students in this minor must propose a specific plan approved by an advisor and Global Studies Director; provides coherence. University of Illinois is behind our peers in this field; Indiana will launch a Major in this field in 2017. Committee fielded a non-binding vote to get a sense of the best revision approach: Drop the course list and amend the proposal to make the student develop and his advisor develop his own path? Or get thematic course structure, or sets of courses, by way of revision. That would require long negotiations with 25 units involved to drop/add particular courses. Or a 3rd option, as in the original proposal. Committee suggests striking the course list and leaving the courses to be developed that provide a cohesive grouping to be determined by the student, the advisor and the CGS Director together. Debate over positive vs. negative impact of this program on our campus. Committee wants full revision before a vote can be taken.

C. Subcommittee B – Phil Geil, Chair; Michael Andrejasich, Brock Gebhardt, Sarah Halko, Stacey Kostell, Randy McCarthy, Jerome McDonough

i. EP.13.32: Proposal from the College of Media Journalism Department to reorganize and revise the News Editorial major and Broadcast Journalism major as a new unitary Journalism major

Geil doesn’t see any problems with this proposal. Geil recommends approval; committee approves by voice vote. Will go to Senate on April 29th.

D. Subcommittee C - Steve Michael, Chair; Max Ellithorpe, Lauren Eiten, Kristi Kuntz, Faye Lesht, Leslie Struble, Pratap Vanka

i. EP.13.30: Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences to transfer the Master of Science in Agricultural Education from the Department of Human and Community Development to the Agricultural Education Program

Historically has been housed in Human Development and is being moved to ACES. Faculty who teach Ag. Ed. are housed in another department. Formalized reviews and P&T involves representation from the tenure-home department and representatives from other departments; personalized approach. This transfer will affect ~ 20 students/year; will complete a previous EPC action on a proposal that relates to this. The final proposal will be put on the website. Michael moves approval; committee approves by voice vote.
ii. EP.13.20: Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to revise the BALAS in History, in the Department of History
Clarification from March 11th meeting: issues around 300-level courses were reviewed and fixed by History Department, who chose to eliminate the supporting coursework. This proposal stands as passed at the March 11 meeting; will go to Senate on April 29.

E. Further considerations related to ISS Resolution AA.2013.20 (Carney, Eiten, Ellithorpe, Francis, Geil)
Ellithorpe: proposed standing rule: change to enrollment (over 50 students) must file a letter of intent. Basically means that departments must notify Ed Pol about course/program cancellation. Geared to intentional changes to total enrollment. Need to carefully define the goal. Should Deans forecast admittance estimates? Doesn’t apply only to freshman enrollment. Is this an issue for Council of Deans and not Senate? Further discussion at next meeting.

VIII. New Business
A. Report on Academic Integrity (Kuntz) – This item will be on the EPC agenda for April 8.

B. Subcommittee A – Paul Prior, Chair; Carey Ash, William Buttlar, Brenda Clevenger, Susan Curtis, Bettina Francis, Prasanta Kalita, Eric Meyer

i. EP.13.34: Proposal from the College of Applied Health Sciences to Change the Name of the Bachelor of Science Degree in Health to the Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Health
Committee finds the wording funny; suggests changing degree name to “Interdisciplinary Health Studies”. Prior will suggest change. Campus referred to it as “I-Health Program”, so this is a literal change to that name. Also, letters approving needed from other health-related units on campus. Prior will contact sponsors to join next Ed Pol meeting.

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i. EP.13.35: Proposal to Establish the Institute for Universal Biology (IUB)

IX. Other New Business - none

X. Adjournment - 2:48p.m.

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