Present: Gay Miller, Chair; Juan Bernal, Bettina Francis, Phillip Geil, Matthew Hill, Gary Kling, Randy McCarthy, Eric Meyer, Steven Michael, Charles Roseman, Stephanie Sowl, Jeremy Tyson, Pratap Vanka, Michelle Wander

ex officio: Karen Carney

Guests: Associate Registrar Rodney Hoewing, Speech and Hearing Science Head Karen Kirk, Associate Dean of Applied Health Sciences William Stewart, Speech and Hearing Science Associate Professor Laura DeThorne, Chemical Sciences Professor Hong Yang

A regular meeting of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EP) was called to order at 1:10pm on Monday, January 27, 2014 in room 232 English Building with Chair Gay Miller presiding.

1. Introductions
Introductions were made.

2. Approval of Minutes
The minutes from December 2, 2014 were approved as written.

3. Chair’s Remarks (G. Miller)
Chair Miller mentioned that broad ranging discussions about potential synergies between units such as GSLIS (Graduate School of Library and Information Science) and LER (School of Labor and Employment Relations) have been held. Some discussions are related to size and some discussions relate to Stewarding Excellence efforts. Another topic of discussion includes implementing shared services.

Chair Miller reported that at the last MOOC (massive open online course) Strategy Advisory Committee (MSAC) meeting it was announced that all Coursera FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) issues have been resolved. Students can now participate in a MOOC as a component of an on-campus course. The instructors that have developed MOOCs can now require portions of their MOOC in the on-campus course.

Chair Miller also noted that if EPC members did not feel they had adequate time to review the recently submitted proposals, a delay in voting could be requested.

4. Office of the Provost Updates (K. Kuntz)
No updates.

5. Graduate College Updates (B. Buttlar)
No updates.

6. Old Business

A. Revision to Standing Rule 13 – Formation, Termination, Separation, Transfer, Merger, Change in Status, or Renaming of Units
Miller sent a letter on behalf of the committee to Chair of the Seventh Senate Review Commission, Abbas Aminmansour. These suggestion included review of Standing Rule 13.

The Civic Leadership Program (CLP) is working on a document to expand the undergraduate component of the program.

McCarthy suggested the possibility of one person or office that aids in making decisions for those wishing to dramatically increase or decrease programs. Wander suggested this person might be an Ombudsman and also review unintended outcomes. For example the impact the Math department incurred when undergraduate student enrollment was increased in the College of Engineering.
Miller added that there is sometimes a lack of publicity and transparency in situations of dramatic increases or decreases in programs.

7. New Business

A. Interdisciplinary Programs at the College Level

B. Subcommittee A: Eric Meyer, Chair; Karen Carney, Bettina Francis, Gary Kling, Faye Lesht, Danielle Maynard, Pratap Vanka

i. EP.14.18 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) to Establish a Non-Thesis Option in the Master of Science in Chemical Engineering in the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, School of Chemical Sciences

Meyer reported that most questions have been answered by the sponsors. There is a growing practice of non-thesis masters programs. This topic should be broadly considered in regards to masters programs at a future time. Hoewing noted that there is a distinction in Banner noting thesis or non-thesis. The code book, however, does not contain the distinction so it does not print on diplomas or transcripts.

Meyer moved approval of proposal EP.14.18 pending minor edits. The motion was seconded, and proposal EP.14.18 passed by voice with one abstention.

Miller encouraged Professor Yang or a proposal sponsor to attend the full Senate meeting on February 10, 2014 when proposal EP.14.18 will appear on the Senate consent agenda. Professor Yang indicated that he or someone from the sponsoring department would attend the February Senate meeting. Also, the revised proposal is due at the Office of the Senate on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 12pm noon. Meyer will be responsible to see that the revision is satisfactory and meets the deadline.

ii. EP.14.19 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) to Transfer the Undergraduate Minor in Italian, and the Undergraduate Major Leading to the BALAS in Italian from the Department of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese to the Department of French

iii. EP.14.20 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) to Transfer the Administrative Homes of Faculty and Associated Non-tenure-track Academic Lines Within the Italian Program to the Renamed Department of French and Italian

iv. EP.14.21 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) to Rename the Department of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese to the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, and the Department of French to the Department of French and Italian

Meyer noted that a hearing must be held before proposals EP.14.19, EP.14.20, and EP.14.21 can be approved. Carney added that a fourth related proposal is expected to be submitted, but is still undergoing review in the Graduate College. Lowry reported that Graduate College Dean Debasish Dutta indicated the committee could move forward without the submission of the fourth proposal. Miller announced February 26, 2014 from 3-5pm as the hearing date. Carney will be working with the units to publicize the hearing and find appropriate space.

C. Subcommittee B: Phillip Geil, Chair; Brenda Clevenger, Susan Curtis, Sarah Halko, Stacey Kostell, Randy McCarthy, Charles Roseman, Stephanie Sowl

i. EP.14.24 Proposal from the College of Applied Health Sciences (AHS) to Revise the Undergraduate Concentrations in the BS in Speech and Hearing Science

Geil reported that most revisions requested by the subcommittee have been made.

DeThorne summarized proposal EP.14.24. Geil noted that the proposal indicates no new faculty members are needed, but later in the document the proposal indicates that new hires are
needed. DeThorne responded that if the program does grow, new hires would be needed to maintain faculty/student ratios. Current enrollment can be handled by the current faculty members. Current enrolled students have the choice to continue within the program they originally enrolled into, or students may transition into the new structure.

Geil moved approval of proposal EP.14.24 pending minor revisions. The motion was seconded and additional discussion followed.

DeThorne noted that the program has largely been pre-professional. The changes proposed would provide more options to students other than only preparing a student for graduate school, although most of these students do go to graduate school. The undergraduate program prepares a student for the terminal degrees.

The motion to approve proposal EP.14.24 passed unanimously.

D. **Subcommittee C:** Steve Michael, Chair; Juan Bernal, Bill Buttlar, Matthew Hill, Kristi Kuntz, Isabel Molina, Jeremy Tyson, Michelle Wander

i. **EP.14.17** Proposal from the College of Education to Revise the EdD Degree in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Michael reported that revisions are forthcoming.

ii. **EP.14.22** Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) to Revise the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences in the Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science

Michael reviewed the document briefly and moved approval of proposal EP.14.22. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by voice.

iii. **EP.14.23** Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) to Revise the Undergraduate Minor in the Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science

Michael noted that no library letter was submitted for proposal EP.14.22 or EP.14.23, but was ok without the letter this time.

Michael moved approval of proposal EP.14.23. The motion was seconded and discussion followed.

Michael suggested the possibility of creating individual minors in the three categories; human geography, physical/environmental geography, and geographic information science. McCarthy suggested only requiring courses from two out of the three categories for the minor instead of requiring one course from each of the three categories.

Proposal EP.14.23 was unanimously approved by voice with the understanding that Michael would transmit the suggestions of creating three individual minors or only requiring two out of the three course areas for the minor to the proposal sponsor.

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:33pm.

Jenny Roether
Clerk of the Senate