Present: Chair pro tempore Bettina Francis, Phillip Geil, Matthew Hill, Randy McCarthy, Kamil Merchant, Eric Meyer, Steven Michael, Charles Roseman, Jeremy Tyson, Michelle Wander, Andrew Woronowicz

ex officio: Karen Carney, John Hart, Brenda Clevenger

Guests: Assistant Provost and Director of the Division of Management Information Amy Edwards, Associate Registrar Rodney Hoewing,

A regular meeting of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EP) was called to order at 1:15 pm on Monday, March 17, 2014 in room 232 English Building with Chair pro tempore Bettina Francis presiding.

1. Introductions
   Introductions were made.

2. Approval of Minutes
   The minutes from March 3, 2014 will be distributed for approval at the April 7 EPC meeting.

3. Chair’s Remarks (B. Francis)
   Bettina Francis served as Chair pro tempore in Gay Miller’s absence.

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

5. Graduate College Updates (J. Hart)
   Hart noted on a minor revision to the Interdisciplinary Graduate Minor in Heritage Studies involving the addition of RST 570 Cultural Aspects of Tourism, formerly RST 594cs Social & Cultural Aspects of Tourism, to the list of approved required core courses. This revision will allow students to select courses best suited to their interests as well as provide them greater flexibility in completing the required coursework.

6. Old Business
   A. Subcommittee A: Eric Meyer, Chair; Karen Carney, Bettina Francis, Gary Kling, Tracie Gant for Faye Lesht, Pratap Vanka, Andrew Woronowicz
      i. 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
      ii. 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
      iii. 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 the fourth related proposal that is expected has yet to be submitted. Several EPC members commented on the importance of the proposal sponsors holding a
discussion to combine all four departments into a single Romance Languages department. The proposal sponsor noted that a single department is not desirable, but EPC members felt the discussion should be held in order to record that the option was explored.

B. **Subcommittee C:** Steve Michael, Chair; Juan Bernal, Bill Buttlar, Matthew Hill, Kristi Kuntz, 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 asked the sponsors for further clarification and is still waiting for a response.

ii. **EP.14.25** Proposal from the College of Business and the Graduate College to Establish a Graduate Concentration in Finance and Eliminate the Graduate Minor in Finance

iii. **EP.14.26** Proposal from the College of Business and the Graduate College to Establish a Graduate Concentration in Accountancy and Eliminate the Graduate Minor in Accountancy

   Michael reported the proposal to revise the minor courses of FIN 511, 512, and 521 and establish them as a concentration for MAS students. The minimum required hours are 12 with no maximum. The concentration will not add extra hours required to the degree. The reason for the proposed changes is that minor courses do not count towards degrees nor appear on the transcript. Committee members’ discussion stated that the last sentence of the proposal stating that only students in the designated MAS program may pursue the concentration in Finance should be removed. Geil suggested that the proposals should state this is for University of Illinois students only. Geil also noted that the program’s website should not reflect the new changes until it has been approved and official. Michael noted he will take these suggestions up with the sponsors as a revision. Chair pro tempore Francis requested a copy of the revised version.

   Michael moved approval of Proposal EP.14.25 and EP.14.26 with recommendation to leave editorial changes up to the subcommittee. Proposal EP.14.25 and EP.14.26 were approved by voice vote with the understanding that Michael would transmit the suggestions to the proposal sponsor.

iv. **EP.14.27** Proposal from the College of Business and the Graduate College to establish a Graduate Concentration in Business and Public Policy

   Michael reported on revising a minor and establishing a concentration for the similar reason of EP.14.25 and EP.14.26. Committee discussion suggested a revision that states a requirement and for proposal to state includes all masters programs. Question was asked among the Committee members of how this appears in the Program of Study and where does a list concentrations appear on the University’s web page.

   Michael moved approval of Proposal EP.14.27 pending minor revisions. Proposal EP.14.27 was approved by voice vote.
7. New Business
   A. **Subcommittee B:** Phillip Geil, Chair; Brenda Clevenger, Susan Curtis, Stacey Kostell, Kamil Merchant, Randy McCarthy, Charles Roseman, Stephanie Sowl
      i. **EP.14.28** Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) to Change the Requirements for Majors in the Biochemistry Specialized Curriculum
         Geil reported that the proposal contains a number of problems and was sent back to the proposal sponsor.
      ii. **EP.14.29** Proposal from the College of Engineering to Revise to the Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
          Geil noted that the proposal sponsor has resolved all issues and moved approval of proposal EP.14.29. Proposal EP.14.29 was approved by voice vote

8. Other New Business
   None

9. Adjournment
   The meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.

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