Present: Gay Miller, Chair; Bettina Francis, Phillip Geil, Randy McCarthy, Steven Michael, Jeremy Tyson, Surya Pratap Vanka, Michelle Wander

ex officio: Karen Carney, John Hart, Kristi Kuntz, Faye Lesht

Guests: Mary Lowry

A special meeting of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EPC) was called to order at 10:00 am on Friday, April 25, 2014 in room 232 English Building with Chair Gay Miller presiding.

1. Changes to Minors and Concentrations for Graduate Students
   EPC members discussed changes and concerns of minors and concentrations for graduate students.

2. EPC and Graduate College Processes Coordination
   Chair Miller noted the need for clarification on what is policy for minors and concentrations. Chair Miller brought emphasis to the Minor Policy in The Graduate College Handbook of Policy and Requirements for Students, Faculty and Staff- 2013; Part 2- Program Administration Policies; Chapter 9 Policy for Minors. EPC members discussed revisions to the Policy for Minors. EPC members suggested revising Chapter IX.C.2. to read: Minors approved by the Graduate College will be forwarded to the Senate for approval and eliminate the rest of the paragraph. The EPC had discussion to revise the minor definition in Chapter IX. B. to read: Minors are a coherent set of courses defined by one or more units outside the student’s enrolling department program. Michael made a motion to approve amendments to the Policy for Minors. The motion was seconded and approved by voice.

   EPC members discussed revisions to Chapter VIII. Policy for Graduate Concentrations; Section A. Background. EPC members suggested revising the statement to read: A formal concentration may be defined as an elaboration or an extension of a graduate major: either content specialization within a particular discipline (for example, a taxation concentration in accountancy), or an interdisciplinary program (for example, an interdisciplinary concentration in cultural studies and interpretive research). EPC suggested adding the sentence: A concentration is a coherent set of courses some or all of which count toward the major. Carney made a motion to approve amendments to the Policy for Graduate Concentrations. The motion was seconded and approved by voice.

3. Considerations for Current Proposals that relate that have been received
   The EPC discussed current proposals and suggested amending the language in proposals that relate to a minor.

4. Consideration for handling proposals passed previously that relate
   The EPC discussed proposal revisions to EP.14.25 and suggesting keeping the minor and adding a concentration. The EPC discussed revising proposal EP.14.26 to establish a concentration and recommended sending all requests for changes to subcommittee chair Michael. The members of EPC discussed and agreed proposal EP.14.27 did not require any amendments.

5. Adjournment
   The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

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