Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Monday, August 25, 2014
MINUTES

Present: Gay Miller, Chair; Amanda Beacham, Juan Bernal, Mitch Dickey, Bettina Francis, Phillip Geil, Matt Hill, Gary Kling, Randy McCarthy, Jerome McDonough, Eric Meyer, Steven Michael, John Prussing, Sofia Sianis, Jeremy Tyson, Andrew Woronowicz


Absent: Juan Bernal, Pradeep Dhillon, Charles Roseman, Sofia Sianis, Michelle Wander

Guests: Provost Ilesanmi Adesida, Associate Chancellor Reginald Alston, Carle Representative, Stephanie Beever; Assistant Provost and Director of the Division of Management Information, Amy Edwards; Associate Registrar, Rodney Hoewing; Director of Academic Programs & Policy, Allison McKinney

A regular meeting of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EPC) was called to order at 1:10 pm on Monday, August 25, 2014 in room 232 English Building with Chair Gay Miller presiding.

1. Approval of Minutes
The minutes from April 28, 2014 were approved as distributed.

2. Chair’s Remarks (G. Miller)
Chair Miller made note of a correction to the EPC meeting dates and advised that there is also a September 15, 2014 EPC meeting scheduled. Chair Miller also advised the Committee that administrative approvals that are formally passed by EPC will plan to go on the Senate consent agenda.

3. Office of the Provost Updates and Administrative Approvals EP.15.12 (K. Kuntz)
Kuntz reported on the administrative approvals through August 25, 2014, (EP.15.12). Discussion was held regarding the administrative approval for AHS- BS in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, on replacing KIN262 for the Health and Aging Concentration. Correction was made to the statement: KIN 259 is no longer offered and the content has been added to KIN 262, to now read: KIN 262 is no longer offered and the content has been added to KIN 259.

Kuntz asked for the Committee’s input on how the administrative approvals were provided to the Committee. Chair Miller and the Committee found the style in which the administrative approvals are communicated acceptable.

General discussion was held amongst the Committee on how EPC should handle administrative approvals. The Committee consensus was that administrative approvals be written and distributed to the Committee instead of having them just placed on the Senate agenda for the first semester of the academic year and then revisit the process. Motion was made to approve EP.15.12. The motion to approved EP.15.12 was approved by voice.

4. Graduate College Updates (J. Hart)
None.
5. Old Business

Graduate Student Concentrations and Minors (Phil Geil)
Geil distributed copies and presented before the Committee a proposed EPC Resolution on Guidelines for Graduate Minors and Concentrations.

Geil moved for approval of the EPC Resolution on Guidelines for Graduate Minors and Concentrations. The motion was seconded and discussion followed. The Committee discussed how the proposal will attempt to avoid further issues with minors and concentrations. The Committee also discussed how to handle the changes that have already been approved and have been in place for the past year. The Committee agreed there needs to be an official plan in place to respond to.

The motion was made requesting a proposal from the Graduate College on the changes to the concentrations and minors policy. Chair Miller noted the administrative approval passed last year on this request is not being challenged, but rather the EPC is realizing there were unintended consequences of the change. Hart noted that the item will be discussed at the Grad College Executive Committee meeting on September 12, 2014.

A motion was made to amend the request for a formal proposal, but rather to request information on the background of the changes with concentrations and minors from the Graduate College. Discussion followed and the Committee agreed to delay a formal request for now until the Graduate College reports back.

6. New Business

A. Subcommittee C: Steve Michael, Chair; Amanda Beacham, Michel Bellini, Juan Bernal, John Hart, Randy McCarthy, Charles Roseman, Michelle Wander

EP.15.01 Proposal from the Senate Committee on Educational Policy to revise the 2014-2015 Academic Calendar
Michael gave a brief overview of EP.15.01 reporting the commencement for 2013-2014 was moved from Sunday to Saturday and held at Memorial Stadium, due to the State Farm Center renovation. The review of the 2013-2014 Commencement determined that the Memorial Stadium format was successful and should be maintained for the remaining years of construction at the State Farm Center. Motion was made to approve EP.15.01. The motion to approve EP.15.01 was unanimously approved by voice.

EP.15.06 Rename the Institute for Genomic Biology as the Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology
Michael gave a brief overview of EP.15.06. Motion was made to approve EP.15.06. Discussion followed in regards to the wording of seeking recommendation for approval. Chair Miller asked Michael to seek clarification in the wording, to use recommend or approval from the sponsors of EP.15.06. The motion to approve EP.15.06 was unanimously approved by voice.

EP.15.07 Academic Calendar 2019-2020
EP.15.08 Academic Calendar 2020-2021
EP.15.09 Academic Calendar 2021-2022
EP.15.10 Academic Calendar 2022-2023
Michael moved for approval of EP.15.07, EP.15.08, EP.15.09, and EP.15.10. The motion to approve EP.15.07, EP.15.08, EP.15.09, and EP.15.10 was approved unanimously by voice.
**EP.15.11 Academic Calendar 2023-2024**

Michael gave a brief overview of EP.15.11 and expressed concerns regarding the last day of exams falling so close to Christmas. Discussion followed with ideas of shifting the exams back a week. Action on EP.15.11 is deferred until next EPC meeting.

**B. Subcommittee B: Jerome McDonough, Chair; Pradeep Dhillon, Phil Geil, Matt Hill, Gary Kling, Kristi Kuntz, Sofia Sianis**

**EP.15.02 Proposal to establish a fully autonomous and accredited College of Medicine at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in partnership with Carle Health Systems.**

Provost Adesida presented EP.15.02 to the Committee. Provost Adesida made note the proposal is for endorsement of the concept of creating a new College of Medicine. Provost Adesida explained this would be a College devoted to education and research within the areas of biotechnology and bio-engineering rather than a traditional large-scale university medical center. Provost Adesida noted the new College would not require any new general revenue funding or reallocation of resources from other educational units in the University.

Discussion followed between the Committee, University sponsors and Carle. Chair Miller noted EPC is the first governing step to approve this proposal and plans to have a public hearing, scheduled for September 12, 2014 at noon. Discussions and questions related to funding, size of the patient base, size of the faculty proposed, governance and the shared responsibilities between the campus and Carle. After discussion, Chair Miller explained there needs to be a public hearing before EPC can take a formal vote on EP.15.02 per Standing Rule 13. Chair Miller directed the committee to, as usual; provide questions to the subcommittee chair, Jerome McDonough. The Committee will have further discussion of this proposal at the next EPC meeting, September 8, 2014.

**EP.15.04 Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to establish a Professional Science Master's concentration in the MS in Geography.**

No discussions were held.

**C. Subcommittee A: Eric Meyer, Chair; Brenda Clevenger, Mitch Dickey, Bettina Francis, Keith Marshall, John Prussing, Jeremy Tyson, Andrew Woronowicz**

**EP.15.03 Proposal from the College of Engineering and the Graduate College to establish an MENG in Mechanical Engineering.**

Meyer shared that feedback from the committee had been provided to the sponsor and he was waiting for response from the proposal sponsor.

**EP.15.05 Proposal from the College of Engineering to establish an undergraduate minor in Computational Science and Engineering.**

Meyer shared that feedback from the committee had been provided to the sponsor and he was waiting for response from the proposal sponsor.

6. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 pm.

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