Senate Committee on Educational Policy  
Monday, September 8, 2014  
MINUTES

Present: Gay Miller, Chair; Amanda Beacham, Pradeep Dhillon, Bettina Francis, Phillip Geil, Matt Hill, Gary Kling, Randy McCarthy, Jerome McDonough, Eric Meyer, Steven Michael, Sofia Sianis, Jeremy Tyson, Michelle Wander, Andrew Woronowicz

ex officio: Michel Bellini, Karen Carney, Brenda Clevenger, John Hart, Kristi Kuntz

Absent: Mitch Dickey, ex officio, Keith Marshall; John Prussing, Charles Roseman, Sofia Sianis

Guests: Associate Chancellor Reginald Alston, Carle Representative, Stephanie Beever; Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs, Abbas Benmanoun; Civil & Environmental Engineering, William Buttlar; Assistant Provost and Director of the Division of Management Information, Amy Edwards; Associate Registrar, Rodney Hoewing; Director of Graduate Programs Computer Science, Rhonda McElroy; Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Innovation, Charles Tucker III; Chancellor Phyllis Wise

A regular meeting of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EPC) was called to order at 1:10 pm on Monday, September 8, 2014 in room 232 English Building with Chair Gay Miller presiding.

1. Approval of Minutes
The minutes from August 25, 2014 were approved as distributed.

2. Chair’s Remarks (G. Miller)
Chair Miller attended the September 3, 2014 board of trustees’ health care system committee meeting. Chancellor Phyllis Wise and Dr. James Leonard, president and CEO of Carle Health Systems, presented their blueprint for a new medical school fusing engineering, computing, health sciences and medicine. Chair Miller commented on the News Gazette’s article reflected the meeting accurately. The link for the full story is: http://www.news-gazette.com/news/local/2014-09-04/ui-chicago-comes-forward-rival-med-school-proposal.html

Chair Miller encouraged the Committee to attend the Public hearing for EP.15.02, College of Medicine Proposal. The Public hearing is to be held on Friday, September 12, 2014 from Noon to 1 pm in room 151 Loomis.

Chair Miller reported she received word from Gene Robinson that the Institute and the Building for Genomic Biology will be renamed for Carl R. Woese. The proposal for renaming the Institute for Genomic Biology will appear on the September 22, 2014 Senate agenda.

3. Office of the Provost Updates and Administrative Approvals (K. Kuntz)
Kuntz reported there are no new administrative approvals since the last EPC meeting on August 25, 2014. Chair Miller advised the Committee that the Senate bylaws require a committee to report approved actions to the Senate in a timely manner. Chair Miller advised once administrative approvals are approved by EPC, they will be put on the Senate Agenda as a report. Chair Miller noted that administrative approvals will become effective once they are approved by the Senate.

Motion was made to approve placing administrative approvals on the Senate agenda once passed by EPC; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously by voice.
Kuntz reported that Course Leaf will be online Monday, September 15, 2014. Kuntz noted the appearance will be different from what users are accustomed to but will be much easier to use. Kuntz advised the paper version is also being used parallel with Course Leaf.

Kuntz reported training is planned for department heads this fall. Kuntz also advised she plans on speaking to the Committee this spring on the benefits of using Course Leaf with proposals.

4. Graduate College Updates (J. Hart)
Hart requested for the Committee to copy him on anything related to the Graduate Curriculum so that he can monitor changes.

Hart advised the Graduate College Executive Committee is meeting Friday, September 12, 2014 in 304 Coble Hall at 2pm.

5. Briefing – Provost Office (Charles Tucker & Abbas Benmanoun)
- Tucker presented a brief portfolio of educational updates from the Provost office. Tucker touched on various updates including the infrastructure project where the provost office contributed $40 million in matching funds through a competitive campus process.
- Tucker noted that Illinois is one of the premier universities of MOOC (Massive Open Online Courses) in the production pipeline.
- Tucker advised the Annual Summit on Online Education: The Present and Future, to be held on October 22, 2014 at the Illini Union 8:45am -3pm - registry is now open. See: http://citl.illinois.edu/professional-development/workshops/summit-on-online-education
- Tucker reported on preliminary numbers from enrollment and admissions for 2014-2015. Applications for this year’s freshman and transfer classes were at an all-time high. Tucker advised the last several years, two dates were given for students to apply. Tucker reported that almost 6000 students that applied last year were deferred to the second application date. To rectify this issue, Tucker advised the University is going to a single application and notify date that allows making all the decisions at one time to be as fair as possible to students and possible increase acceptance rates. Tucker touched on a plan for an admissions office call center to assist students through the application process.
- Benmanoun presented briefly on faculty updates from the Provost office. Benmanoun reported faculty hiring is going well. One hundred and fifty new faculty have joined and are currently here on campus effective this fall and more are expected to join. Benmanoun noted there are one hundred and thirty plus approved new searches for faculty expected for 2014-2015 in faculty hiring. Benmanoun reported Engineering had a record year in the hiring of women.
- Benmanoun reported the Dual Career Program has been successful. Benmanoun advised retention of faculty has improved and the Provost office is becoming more proactive in this area. Benmanoun also spoke on moving ahead on cluster hiring, and plan to hire particular faculty in specialized areas each year.
6. **Briefing – Proposed changes to the Student Code – Class Attendance Policy; Student Bereavement Policy (Ken Ballom)**

Chair Miller noted the briefing by Ken Ballom has been deferred to a later EPC meeting.

7. **Old Business**

   A. **Graduate Student Concentrations and Minors** (Phil Geil)

   No new discussion was held.

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

   EP.15.11 Academic Calendar 2023-2024

   No new discussion was held.

   C. **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.

   McDonough advised sponsors have addressed previous issues and the revised proposal has been reviewed. McDonough gave an overview of two minor issues:

   - The proposal currently mentions “Carle Health System” as a partner in the planning, development and operation of the new College of Medicine. However, Carle Health System is not actually a legal entity with which the University can contract. McDonough suggested Carle and the Provost’s Office might carefully review the Carle entities being named in the proposal to make sure they accurately reflect what they want to propose.
   - Recommended a brief appendix which describes the LCME Rules of Procedure for accreditation for new colleges, particularly noting that a new college must have preliminary accreditation before it can admit students, and then proceeds through provisional accreditation to full accreditation over a course of 3-4 years, will help clarify the accreditation procedures.

   Buttlar gave a brief overview of the public hearing and advised questions from audience will be addressed to the seven hearing Panel Members:

   - Ilesanmi Adesida, Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs
   - Andreas Cangellaris, Dean, College of Engineering
   - Stephen Boppart, Professor, Bioengineering and Electrical & Computer Engineering
   - Rashid Bashir, Head, Department of Bioengineering
   - Neal Cohen, Professor, Psychology and Director, Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Initiative
   - Hillary Klonoff-Cohen, Professor, Kinesiology & Community Health and Director, Public Health Graduate Program
   - Joseph Barkmeier, M.D., Medical Director at Carle Foundation

   Buttlar advised those who wish to send comments for review should forward them to Chair Miller and the hearing will be streamed live.
General discussion was held regarding leadership positions with Carle representative, Stephanie Beever advising that the Carle leadership is excited to strongly blend both academic and clinically focused doctors.

McDonough advised sponsors to provide appropriate language for the revised proposal.

**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.**

McDonough reported two more minor issues that need resolved with EP.15.04. McDonough noted the proposal currently makes several references to “ten hours within the PSM concentration.” McDonough advised technically, that’s not correct, as all 42 credit hours are within the PSM concentration. McDonough will advise the sponsor to modify the proposal to state requires 42 credit hours total.

Discussion was held regarding the need to list all of the current GIS core courses in the proposal and to reference the Graduate Handbook. McDonough advised he will have sponsors revise the proposal to reflect accurate information; proposal EP.15.04 will be reconsidered at the next EPC meeting.

**D. 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 gave a brief overview of EP.15.03 and advised of some minor issues that have been addressed and the proposal has been revised to reflect the changes.

Motion was made to approve EP.15.03. Discussion followed regarding the math hour requirements and available courses offered to meet the requirements.

Motion to approved EP.15.03 was approved unanimously by voice.

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

Meyer gave brief overview of EP.15.05 that has had several revisions. Meyer went over the changes and revisions and advised the issues have been resolved. Meyer noted there are a few editorial changes and moved approval of EP.15.05 pending the letter from Matt Ando from Math.

General discussion was held regarding math course requirements with sponsor answering questions from the Committee. Motion to approved EP.15.05 was passed unanimously by voice pending a letter from Math.

**8. New Business**

Chair Miller encouraged the Committee to read over SP.14.12 Proposed Revision to *Standing Rule 13* to be discussed at a later EPC meeting.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.

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