Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Monday, December 01, 2014
MINUTES

Present: Gay Miller, Chair; Amanda Beacham, Pradeep Dhillon, Bettina Francis, Phillip Geil, Gary Kling, Randy McCarthy, Jerome McDonough, Eric Meyer, Steven Michael, John Prussing, Sofia Sianis, Jeremy Tyson ex officio: Michel Bellini, Karen Carney, John Hart, Kristi Kuntz

Absent: Matt Hill, Shari Hopkins, Charles Roseman, Michelle Wander, Andrew Woronowicz ex officio: Brenda Clevenger, Keith Marshall

Guests: Associate Chancellor Reginald Alston, Professor of Chemistry, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Steve Boppart; Marty Burke; Professor of Psychology, Neal Cohen; Assoc. VC for Research, Jennifer Eardly; Assist. Provost and Director of the Division of Management Information, Amy Edwards; Air Force Aerospace Studies, Lizabeth Grupe; Associate Registrar, Rodney Hoewing; Assistant Provost for Education Programs, Kathy Martensen; College of Education, Sarah McCarthy, Dept. Head of Bioengineering, Rashid Bashir; Assoc. Dir. for Research, Coordinated Science Lab and COM project lead, Normand Paquin; Chemistry/MEC, Alex Scheeline, College of Education, Christopher Span

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

1. Approval of Minutes
The minutes from November 3, 2014 were approved as amended.

2. Chair’s Remarks (G. Miller)
Chair Miller briefly reported on an article from The Chronicle of Higher Education, titled: An Unusual Honor-Code Violation: Students Selling Seats in Popular Courses. The article was about students selling seats in high demand courses at Emory University. Chair Miller expressed concern of the possibility of this happening on our campus. It was noted that our campus has a record of holding seats in high demand courses and the Registrar’s Office is aware of the issue and working to address it. It was also noted there is nothing stated in Student Code that prohibits this behavior.

Chair Miller also noted a new meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2015 EPC meeting to handle new work and remaining work including an anticipated proposal for creation of the College of Medicine.

3. Office of the Provost Updates and Administrative Approvals (K. Kuntz)
Kuntz introduced newly hired Assistant Provost for Education Programs, Kathy Martensen, who will take on the course management.

Kuntz reported on administrative approvals through December 1, 2014; EP.15.30.

Undergraduate Programs

ACES – BS in Food Science and Human Nutrition, concentration in Dietetics – FSHN 428 – Community Nutrition has been added to the list of concentration electives.

ACES – BS in Food Science and Human Nutrition, concentration in Human Nutrition – The Department would like to add FSHN 398 – Nutrition & Physical Activity, FSHN 465 – Principles of Food Technology, FSHN 471 – Food & Industrial Microbiology and FSHN 480 – Basic Toxicology to the list of Restricted Electives. Students must select a minimum of two courses from the list of 20 courses.

Report EP.15.30 was approved by the Committee and will appear on the December 8, 2014 Senate agenda.
4. **Graduate College Updates** (J. Hart)

Hart noted the Graduate College Executive Committee has tasked a subcommittee to address issues concerning EP.15.20 and their first meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2014.

5. **Briefing – College of Medicine** (R. Bashir, S. Boppart, M. Burke, N. Cohen, N. Paquin)

Normand Paquin, Associate Director for Research, Coordinated Science laboratory and COM project lead introduced a group of distinguished faculty to take part in a panel to discuss their perspectives on the proposed College of Medicine including how it can benefit other units of the campus and its importance to the College of Engineering and why an engineering-focused curriculum is the right approach.

Some highlights that were presented from the panel were:

- There are broad benefits across campus that are not limited to engineering with the proposed COM.
- Opportunities for our campus are tremendous; our campus is currently 73rd in NIH funding. With a COM on our campus, we would be able to be more competitive for the largest funder, NIH.
- Carle would be an exceptional partner with strong beliefs that the partnership will bring in some of the world’s greatest medical science engineering students.
- We have a top ranking engineering college; there is no better place than UIUC to bring a strong foundation of engineering to medicine.
- Carle is the main anchor of the proposed COM and is welcoming other partnerships.
- The question, why not reform the UIC COM system was asked and the panel responded by expressing that education cannot be done successfully remotely; working together centrally is a must. The panel expressed the importance of building our own COM and we will take UIC up to the next level on our way up.

6. **Briefing – CourseLeaf Academic Catalog Overview** (K. Kuntz)

Kuntz presented a briefing on the new version of the academic catalog, CourseLeaf. Kuntz reported the majority of last year was spent migrating existing catalog information to the new academic catalog, CourseLeaf. The next phase will be accepting changes for the next catalog and resolving navigation issues. Kuntz noted changes to the catalog are to be made administratively, at least currently, from the provost level.

7. **Old Business**

A. **Proposal Template for Programs Housed Outside of Departments** (J. Hart)

No updates, discussion will be deferred to the next EPC meeting.

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

1. **EP.15.14 Proposal requesting MILS 120**

   Meyer gave a brief overview of EP.15.14, noting the sponsors; A. Scheeline and L. Grupe were in attendance. Meyer moved for approval of EP.15.14. No further discussion was held and the motion to approve EP.15.16 passed by voice.

2. **EP.15.20 Proposal To Endorse the Existing Policies on Graduate Concentrations and Minors**

   No updates. EP.15.20 will be deferred to the next EPC meeting.
C. **Subcommittee B:** Jerome McDonough, Chair; Pradeep Dhillon, Phil Geil, Matt Hill, Gary Kling, Kristi Kuntz, Sofia Sianis

1. **EP.15.22 Proposal from the College of Education to revise the requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education**

McDonough gave a brief overview of EP.15.22, noting that he has received a revised proposal, removing course Math 002 as one of the course options requirements. The proposal now includes a letter of support from FAA and all major issues have been addressed.

McDonough moved for approval of EP.15.22. No further discussion was held and the motion to approve EP.15.22 passed by voice and will appear on the December 8, 2014 Senate agenda.

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

1. **EP.15.25 Revision of Certificate in Accountancy program, College of Business**

Michael gave a brief overview of EP.15.25 noting the proposal is a revision of an existing certificate. Michael also noted we offer this as a master’s program, when this typically goes for a bachelor program for many other schools.

Michael moved for approval of EP.15.25. Discussion was held concerning non degree student policies with credit hour limits. It was stated that there are programs in place to protect non degree and degree seeking students regarding credit hours.

The motion to approve EP.15.25 passed by voice with one abstention and will appear on the December 8, 2014 Senate agenda.

8. **New Business**

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

1. **EP.15.26 Proposal from the School of Social Work and the Graduate College to Revise and Rename the Graduate Concentration in Advocacy, Leadership, and Social Change**

Meyer gave a brief overview of EP.15.26, noting he has asked the College of ACES if they have any input on the element of Leadership, but has not received a response back yet.

Meyer moved for approval of EP.15.26. Discussion followed regarding the element of leadership in social work, and that the proposal is missing a program of study statement. Meyer withdrew his motion to approve EP.15.26, noting the proposal needs revision and a program of study statement.

Meyer noted he will forward the questions and concerns to the sponsor for answers; further discussion of EP.15.26 will be deferred until the next EPC meeting.

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

1. **EP.15.29 Proposal from the College of Education to establish a concentration in Digital Environments for Learning, Teaching & Agency in the B.S. in Learning & Education Studies**

McDonough gave a brief overview of EP.15.29 and noted he has received substantially higher level concerns regarding two issues, which he has forwarded to the proposal sponsors; further discussion on EP.15.29 is deferred until the next EPC meeting.
C. **Subcommittee C:** Steve Michael, Chair; Amanda Beacham, Michel Bellini, Juan Bernal, John Hart, Randy McCarthy, Charles Roseman, Michelle Wander

1. **EP.15.27 Proposal to establish a Graduate Minor in Dance**
   Michael gave a brief overview of EP.15.27 and noted there are only 6 to 8 students in each class and adding this minor would strengthen the program.
   Michael moved for approval of EP.15.27 with a discussion following concerning the proposal is missing a program of study statement along with the proposal not stating the correct information.
   Michael noted that he will forward the desired modifications to the sponsors; discussion of EP.15.27 is deferred until the next EPC meeting.

2. **EP.15.28 Proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts and the Graduate College to revise the M.F.A. in Dance**
   Michael gave a brief overview of EP.15.28 and noted the reasoning for the revising the M.F.A. in dance is that more students are showing more interest in choreographing. Discussion followed regarding the desire for more clarity.
   Michael noted he will forward the feedback to the proposal sponsors; further discussion of EP.15.28 is deferred until the next EPC meeting.

9. **Adjournment**
   The meeting adjourned at 2:56 pm.

   Rachel Park
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