Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Monday, August 31, 2015
MINUTES


Absent: Juan Bernal, Pradeep Dhillon, Matt Hill, Madison Scanlan ex officio:

Guests: Amy Edwards, Assistant Provost & Director; Allison McKinney, Director of Graduate Programs & Policy

A regular meeting of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EPC) was called to order at 1:10 pm on Monday, August 31, 2015, in room 232 English Building with Chair Bettina Francis presiding.

1. Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes
The minutes from August 24, 2015, were approved as amended.

3. Chair’s Remarks (B. Francis)
Chair Francis reminded the committee that no decisions can be made by email.

4. Office of the Provost Updates and Administrative Approvals (K. Martensen)
No updates or administrative approvals.

5. Graduate College Updates (J. Hart)
No updates.

6. Old Business
A. Report from Subcommittee to Study LOG Document EP.16.16
Chair Francis distributed the Levels of Governance (LOG) for Program and Curricular Changes document and asked members to review it for discussion at the next EPC meeting.

B. Certificates
Discussion suggested that a list of certificates on campus would be beneficial for the review process. Martensen advised the Certificates Report provides the first ten pages of the web page of certificates.

C. Enrollment Management Annual Report Review
Chair Francis advised that in the past year or two, the Seventh Senate Review Commission had made a recommendation that the bylaws be amended so as to charge EPC with the duty to serve as the contact for units and departments that intend to significantly diminish (or increase) in size. She noted that the bylaws have not been officially amended to include the charge. Therefore, there is no obligation to conduct this kind of review as of yet. She concluded that EPC will defer to the Implementation Committee until an official charge has been given.
D. Subcommittee A: Eric Meyer, Chair; Jennifer Amos, Randy McCarthy, Juan Bernal, Titus Potter, Brenda Clevenger, Keith Marshall, Faculty Vacancy

1. EP.16.01 Proposal to Revise the Environmental Fellows Program into the Sustainability, Energy, and Environment Fellows Program, and to transfer the administration of the program from the School of Earth, Society, and Environmental, College of LAS to the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment.
   Meyer gave a brief overview of EP.16.01 to revise the Environmental Fellows Program into the Sustainability, Energy, and Environment Fellows Program, and to transfer the administration of the program from the School of Earth, Society, and Environment (SESE) in the College of LAS, to the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment (ISEE). The ISEE Fellows Program would replace the current Environmental Fellows Program offered by SESE. Meyer advised that there has been no response from the proposal sponsor to subcommittee queries. EP.16.01 is deferred until the next EPC meeting.

2. EP.16.05 Proposal to Establish a Bachelor of Science in Innovation, Leadership, and Engineering Entrepreneurship (BS in ILEE) degree in the College of Engineering.
   Meyer gave a brief overview of EP.16.05, to establish a Bachelor of Science in Innovation, Leadership, and Engineering Entrepreneurship (BS in ILEE) degree in the College of Engineering. The program is intended as a second (dual) degree for engineering students who seek the skills necessary to grow, build, design and lead innovative technology companies.
   Meyer advised that the sponsor is working on a response to the committee’s questions. Therefore, further discussion of EP.16.05 will be deferred until the next EPC meeting.

3. EP.16.07 Proposal to Establish a joint degree program between the existing Master of Architecture (M.Arch) and Master of Science in Architectural Studies (MS in AS) degrees offered through the School of Architecture.
   Meyer gave a brief overview of EP.16.07, to establish a joint degree program between the existing Master of Architecture (M.Arch) and Master of Science in Architectural Studies (MS in AS) degrees offered through the School of Architecture.
   Meyer advised that all concerns from the committee seem to have been addressed and resolved by the sponsors. The sponsors are working on a revised draft that he hopes to receive soon for the committee’s review. EP.16.07 is deferred until the next EPC meeting.

4. EP.16.10 Proposal to Change the department level requirements for the M.S. degree and the Ph.D. degree in Atmospheric Sciences.
   Meyer gave a brief overview of EP.16.10, to change the department-level requirements for the M.S. Degree and Ph.D. degree in Atmospheric Sciences.
   Meyer advised that the sponsor is working on clarifying the language, which among other things would remove a qualifying exam and replace it with coursework. Meyer noted that he expects the sponsor to have a revision ready before the next EPC meeting for the committee’s review. EP.16.10 is deferred until the next EPC meeting.

5. EP.16.12 Proposal to Change Unit Name from International Programs and Studies (IPS) to Illinois International Programs (IIP).
   Meyer gave a brief overview of EP.16.12, to change the unit name from International Programs and Studies (IPS) to Illinois International Programs (IIP).
Meyer noted the proposal was organized and ready for action to be taken on it. Meyer moved for approval of EP.16.12. No further discussion was held, and the motion to approve EP.16.12 passed unanimously by voice. EP.16.12 will appear on the September 21, 2015, Senate agenda.

E. **Subcommittee B:** Roy Campbell, Chair; Phil Geil, Laurie Johnson, John Prussing, Shawn Gordon, Madison Scanlan, Karen Carney, Kathy Martensen

1. **EP.16.02** Proposal to Revise the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Curriculum in the Department of Recreation, Sport and Tourism (RST), College of Applied Health Sciences (AHS)
   Campbell gave a brief overview of EP.16.02, noting this curriculum is targeted exclusively for Ph.D. students with a prior Master's degree. Proposed revisions are to the RST Doctor of Philosophy Curriculum. Campbell advised that he has shared the committee’s feedback and has asked for clarification from the proposal sponsor; he has not received a response yet. EP.16.02 is deferred until the next EPC meeting.

2. **EP.16.04** Proposal to Revise the Undergraduate Minor in Food and Environmental Systems in the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences.
   Campbell gave a brief overview of EP.16.04, noting that the College of ACES is requesting revisions to the minor in Food and Environmental Systems at this time due to changes in course offerings. The committee shared feedback and concerns, which Campbell advised he will share with the sponsor and report back with their responses. EP.16.04 is deferred until the next EPC meeting.

3. **EP.16.08** Proposal to Create a 5-Year Program leading to a BALAS in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) and an MA in European Union Studies (MAEUS).
   Campbell gave a brief overview of EP.16.08, to create an accelerated path for LAS students in selected undergraduate majors related to European Union studies (i.e., European languages, Global Studies, and Political Science) who are interested in pursuing an MA in European Union Studies.
   Campbell asked for the committee’s feedback and advised he will share the comments and ask for a revised proposal addressing the committee’s concerns. EP.16.08 is deferred until the next EPC meeting.

4. **EP.16.13** Proposal to Establish a Graduate Concentration in Computational Engineering within the Major in Engineering in the Master of Engineering Degree in the College of Engineering.
   Campbell gave a brief overview of EP.16.13, to establish a concentration in Computational Engineering within the Major in Engineering in the Master of Engineering (M.Eng.), noting that this is a self-supporting program.
   Campbell advised that he had provided the proposal sponsors with feedback and concerns and was awaiting a revised proposal addressing clarifications requested by the committee. Further discussion on EP.16.13 is deferred until the next EPC meeting.

F. **Subcommittee C:** Steve Michael, Chair; Pradeep Dhillon, David Miller, Matt Hill, Michael Bellini, John Hart, Faculty Vacancy

1. **EP.16.09** Proposal to Request to move the Gender Relations in International Development (GRID) Graduate Minor from College of ACES to School of Social Work.
   Michael gave a brief overview of EP.16.09, to move GRID Graduate Minor to the School of Social Work from the Department of Human and Community Development within the College of ACES, where it is currently housed. Michael stated he had no received any updates from the proposal sponsor. EP.16.09 is deferred until the next EPC meeting.
2. **EP.16.11 Proposal to Revise the Undergraduate Curriculum in the Finance Department, College of Business.**

Michael gave a brief overview of EP.16.11, to revise the requirements for the Bachelors of Science in Finance, tightening the requirements by making one specific additional course mandatory; eliminating the major elective requirement; and adding three additional Finance courses to the current requirements, expanding the required hours for the program from 18 to 24.

Michael advised that a revised proposal had been submitted, clarifying and addressing the committee’s concerns. Michael moved for approval of EP.16.11. A committee member requested more time to review the proposal before a vote is taken. Michael withdrew his motion for approval of EP.16.11 to allow further time for the committee to review the revised proposal.

Further discussion on EP.16.11 is deferred until the next EPC meeting.

7. **New Business**

   A. **Subcommittee C: Steve Michael, Chair; Pradeep Dhillon, David Miller, Matt Hill, Michael Bellini, John Hart, Faculty Vacancy**

   1. **EP.16.15 Graduate Concentrations in the Department of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership**

   Michael gave a brief overview of EP.16.15, noting that five current graduate concentrations will migrate to a new major. These existing graduate concentrations are Global Studies in Education, Human Resource Development, Higher Education, Education Administration and Leadership, and Learning Design and Leadership. The proposal also seeks to establish four additional graduate concentrations:

   Social Sciences & Education Policy, History of Education, Philosophy of Education, and Diversity & Equity in Education.

   Michael advised that a revision has been submitted, reflecting minor editorial edits. He also advised that the proposal does not have a complete Program of Study (POS) statement, and he has requested the sponsors to revise the proposal to include one. Further discussion on EP.16.15 is deferred until the next EPC meeting.

8. **Other New Business:**

   Geil requested that Information Technology Priorities Committee (ITPC) be added to the next EPC meeting’s agenda for discussion.

9. **Adjournment**

   The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.