Senate Committee on Educational Policy  
Monday, October 5, 2015  
MINUTES

Present: Bettina Francis, Chair; Jennifer Amos, Roy Campbell, Phillip Geil, Shawn Gordon, Randy McCarthy, Eric Meyer, Steven Michael, David Miller, John Prussing Matt Rice, Madison Scanlan  
ex officio: Michel Bellini, Karen Carney, John Hart, Kathy Martensen

Absent: Juan Bernal, Pradeep Dhillon, Laurie Johnson, Titus Potter  
ex officio: Brenda Clevenger, Keith Marshall

Guests: Rod Hoewing, Associate Registrar for Student Systems; 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, October 5, 2015, in room 232 English Building with Chair Bettina Francis presiding.

1. Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes  
The minutes from September 28, 2015, were approved as distributed.

3. Chair’s Remarks (B. Francis)  
Chair Francis advised that the votes will be recorded in the minutes by voice or a show of hands if needed, as passed or not passed, without counts and abstentions will not be asked for or recorded. Chair Francis also reminded the subcommittee chairs to copy her on communications to the proposal sponsors.

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

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

6. Old Business

A. Consideration of Revised LOG Document EP.16.16  
Chair Francis advised that EPC will discuss the Level of Governance (LOG) for Program and Curricular Changes document after the full review is completed.

B. Certificates  
Discussion was held concerning if there is a need to regulate certificate programs. The concern was shared that certificate programs are possibly being regarded by students and the outside work force as a degree credential instead of as a specialized training in a specific area of study, within a degree. It was also stated that the main concern is with undergraduate certificates, since graduate students have a degree and are understandably specializing in a specific area of study.

Discussion continued regarding certificate programs that require as many course hours as a degree program. Chair Francis requested a list from Martensen, Provost Office; to be compiled of certificate programs that have a high number of required hours, for discussion at the next EPC meeting.
C. Information Technology Priorities Committee (ITPC)

Hoewing advised that he is the UIUC chair for the Student Subcommittee of ITPC and noted that there is a request for EPC to provide a faculty member to serve on the committee. Chair asked if anyone has interest in serving on the committee. McCarthy volunteered to represent EPC by serving on the student subcommittee of ITPC, and this was approved through the consensus of the committee.

D. Subcommittee A: Eric Meyer, Chair; Jennifer Amos, Randy McCarthy, Juan Bernal, Titus Potter, Brenda Cleveinger, Keith Marshall, Faculty Vacancy

1. 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 the proposal sponsors are still working on a revision; therefore, EP.16.05 is deferred until the next EPC meeting.

2. EP.16.20 Proposal to Establish (4) Four Graduate Concentrations for the Master of Laws (LL.M.) Degree at the College of Law

Meyer gave a brief overview of EP.16.20, stating this proposal seeks the approval of four Graduate Concentrations for the LL.M. Degree at the College of Law.

Meyer advised a second revision has been posted for the committee’s review. Discussion followed, focusing on whether or not the Program of Study (POS) statement is clear. Meyer advised that he offered the sponsor a variation with the POS laid out differently for clarification, but the sponsor responded that they prefer their original version over the variation he offered.

Discussion continued, with the Provost office advising that they accept the proposals as passed by the particular level of governance, but that they do update the academic catalogue or POS, twice a year, which gives the departments the opportunity to provide an updated and detailed POS statement.

Finally, a discussion ensued whether EPC should require the complete POS changes to be included in each proposal document or not. Meyer moved that EPC require the entire POS statement to be included in the proposal document, so that EPC may evaluate the relevant parts of the proposal. The motion was seconded; and it was added that if it passed, the proposal template would need to be updated to reflect this requirement. McCarthy moved to postpone the vote; this was seconded and the motion to postpone the vote was passed by voice.

Further discussion of EP.16.20 and the POS statement requirement is deferred until the next EPC meeting.

3. EP.16.21 Proposal to Establish a Graduate Concentration in "U.S. Legal Practice Skills" for the Master of Laws (LL.M.) Degree at the College of Law

Meyer gave a brief overview of EP.16.21, seeking the approval of a U.S. Legal Practice Skills Graduate Concentration for the LL.M. Degree at the College of Law.

No discussion was held, EP.16.21 is deferred until the next EPC meeting.
7. New Business
   A. Ad Hoc Subcommittee for EPC Proposals
      No discussion was held.

8. Adjournment
   The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

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