Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Monday, November 9, 2015
MINUTES

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

Absent: Pradeep Dhillon, Laurie Johnson, Titus Potter, John Prussing
ex officio: Keith Marshall

Guests: Amy Edwards, Assistant Provost and Director; Allison McKinney, Director of Graduate Programs & Policy; Soo Ah Kwon, Department of Asian American Studies

A regular meeting of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EPC) was called to order at 1:10 pm on Monday, November 9, 2015, in room 232 English Building with Chair Bettina Francis presiding.

1. Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes
The minutes from the meeting of November 2, 2015 were approved as amended by unanimous consent.

3. Chair’s Remarks (B. Francis)
Chair Francis advised that the next and last EPC meeting of this semester will be November 30, 2015 and the last Senate meeting of the Semester is December 7, 2015.

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

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

6. Student Resolution on AP Credit RS.16.03 (Illinois Student Senate)
Chair Francis distributed RS.16.03 along with AA.2016.01 and advised that the Illinois Student Senate recommends that advanced placement credit be applied retroactively to any current students at the University of Illinois, and not just to the students entering in/after fall of 2015.

7. Old Business
A. Subcommittee A: Eric Meyer, Chair; Jennifer Amos, Randy McCarthy, Juan Bernal, Titus Potter, Brenda Clevenger, Keith Marshall, Robert Muncaster

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 continue to work on a revision; therefore, EP.16.05 will be deferred until the next EPC meeting.

2. **EP.16.27 Proposal to Establish an Undergraduate Major in Asian American Studies in the Department of Asian American Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences**

Meyer gave a brief overview of EP.16.27, to establish an undergraduate major in Asian American Studies in the Department of Asian American Studies and noted the department currently offers an undergraduate minor in Asian American Studies. The sponsor, Soo Ah Kwon was in attendance and advised that the proposed major would most likely be taken as a second major.

Meyer advised that the infrastructure and courses already exist, and that this program is overall risk free with no downsides. Meyer made the motion to approve EP.16.27 and the motion was seconded. Discussion followed concerning the employability demand for this major. The motion to approve EP.16.27 passed by voice and will appear on the November 16, 2015 Senate agenda.

3. **EP.16.30 Proposal to Rename the Graduate School of Library and Information Science to the School of Information Sciences**

Meyer gave a brief overview of EP.16.30, to change the name to the School of Information Sciences. Meyer noted that the faculty in the school voted on this name change and that the change was not unanimously passed. Discussion followed concerning two minor typos: “College of School” rather than “College or School” in two instances in the second full paragraph on page 2 of 3.

Also discussed was the phrasing in the previous paragraph, that because the precise current status of the proposal was unclear, the committee thought it would be safer to say “if approved, degree offerings are proposed to expand...” rather than “once approval is secured from IBHE, degree offerings will expand.”

Meyer made the motion to approve EP.16.30 pending the above minor revision. The motion was seconded and no further discussion was held. The motion to approve EP.16.30, pending the minor revision, passed by voice and it will appear on the November 16, 2015 Senate agenda.

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

1. **EP.16.25 Proposal to Revise the Curriculum for Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design (BFA in GD), School of Art and Design, College of Fine and Applied Arts**

Campbell gave a brief overview of EP.16.25, which proposes to revise the curriculum by increasing the core from 26 to 34 credits (+8 credit), which includes eliminating the Design History Survey course as a requirement and moving it into the School’s Art History requirements.

Discussion followed concerning the POS statement, which was not included in the proposal. Campbell advised he will request that the sponsor revise the proposal to include the POS statement.

Campbell made the motion to approve EP.16.25 pending the revision to include the POS statement. The motion was seconded and no further discussion was held. The motion to approve EP.16.25 pending revision to include the POS statement passed by voice and it will appear on the November 16, 2015 agenda.

2. **EP.16.28 Proposal to Revise the Program of Study for the Bachelor of Music Education**

Campbell gave a brief overview of EP.16.28, to revise the required courses for the Bachelor of Music Education degree; the revisions do not change the total number of required hours (130), but rather ensure that all music education majors’ curriculum meets the K-12 music licensure requirements. Campbell noted that Revision 2 of EP.16.28 was posted on the EPC members’ webpage for the committee’s review and that he had not received any concerns from the committee.
Campbell made the motion to approve EP.16.28 Revision 2; the motion was seconded and there was no further discussion. The motion to approve EP.16.28 Revision 2 passed by voice.

**EP.16.28 was put on hold because the College of Education had requested to review the proposal before EPC considered it. EP.16.28 will remain on the agenda for further discussion at the November 30, 2015 EPC meeting.**

C. **Subcommittee C: Steve Michael, Chair; Pradeep Dhillon, David Miller, Michael Bellini, John Hart, Matt Rice, Ann Reisner**

1. **EP.16.23 Proposal to Change the General Education Cultural Studies Requirement so that Students have to take Both a US Minority Culture and a Non-Western Culture Course**

   Michael gave a brief description of EP.16.23, to change the Cultural Studies General Education requirement so that students must take both a non-Western Culture and a US minority culture course, noting that the General Education Board (GEB) has already approved the proposed change.

   Gordon distributed a drafted resolution from the Illinois Student Senate, AA.2016.02 and noted that they are looking for guidance from EPC on what direction the students should take on this.

   Some members of the committee shared that the resolution needs to be more precise on the sentiment, and that they would like to see the resolution be more explicit. It was recommended that the students reconvene for more work on a good definition of what is a ‘culture’.

   Discussion followed concerning the context of the proposal. Some members expressed concern on whether EPC can address this proposal, given the number of concerns raised, and it was suggested multiple times that the proposal should be sent back for modification and clarification because the proposal needs to be more specific about what a US minority is and how it is defined.

   Chair Francis suggested to Michael to have the sponsor attend for clarification of the concerns on what is a minority and how it was determined.

   It was also suggested to hold off on EP.16.23 until EP.89.09 is amended.

   Discussion continued on how this will affect students with already full schedules and full classes. It was noted that a majority of students think that they would require to take an extra semester to accommodate the proposed requirement.

   Chair Francis noted that her preference would be to review the document and delay discussion on this EP.16.23 until next meeting.

D. **Improving Disclosure of Evening Examinations** (S. Gordon)

   Gordon advised there are no updates at this time and that FMS is currently investigating. He will provide an updated of the investigation at the next EPC meeting.

8. **New Business**

   A. **Subcommittee A: Eric Meyer, Chair; Jennifer Amos, Randy McCarthy, Juan Bernal, Titus Potter, Brenda Clevenger, Keith Marshall, Robert Muncaster**

   1. **EP.16.32 Proposal to Change Course Requirements in the Undergraduate Engineering Mechanics Curriculum in the Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering**

      Meyer gave a brief overview of EP.16.32, to change ME 470 from an option to a requirement; to change ME 170 from an option to a requirement, to remove GE 101 from the list of required coursework, to include ME 390 as a requirement for sophomore students.

      Discussion followed concerning the POS statement and that enrollment in the curriculum has dwindled to ten students. It was also noted that this curriculum has the identical requirements as
the Engineering Mechanics in Mechanical Science and Engineering. Meyer advised he will contact the proposal sponsors to clarification on what intentions are with this curriculum. Further discussion is deferred until the next EPC meeting.

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

1. EP.16.33 Proposal to Revise the Non-thesis Master of Science in Chemistry
   Campbell gave a brief overview of EP.16.33, to change the requirements for the non-thesis Master of Science in Chemistry degree to assure that all students earning the non-thesis MS in Chemistry in the future will be required to complete the more demanding set of courses, because the Chemistry Department considers the requirements too light for a degree from a top 10 chemistry department.

   Campbell advised that the proposal was recently given to EPC and that further time is needed to review the proposal. EP.16.33 is deferred until the next EPC meeting

C. Subcommittee C: Steve Michael, Chair; Pradeep Dhillon, David Miller, Michael Bellini, John Hart, Matt Rice, Ann Reisner

1. EP.16.34 Proposal to Change two Course Requirements for the Master of Science in the Teaching of Mathematics in the Department of Mathematics, College of LAS
   Michael gave a brief overview of EP.16.34, to change the requirement from 2 specific course (CI 436 and EI 560) to a more general requirement of 7 or 8 hours of coursework from the College of Education in courses related to the teaching of mathematics at the secondary or college level, and to remove MATH 406 from the list of courses which cannot be counted toward a degree.

   Michael advised that EP.16.34 was only recently sent to EPC and that more time to review the proposal is needed before discussion takes place. EP.16.34 is deferred until the next EPC meeting.

D. RS.16.05 Resolution on the Process to Change the Status of the Center for Advanced Study
   No discussion was held.

E. UIC Suspension of Admissions to the Medical Scholars Program
   No discussion was held.

9. Adjournment
   The meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm

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