Senate Committee on Educational Policy  
Monday, September 25, 2017  
MINUTES

Present: Gay Miller, Chair; Ray Benekohal, Cynthia Buckley, David Hanley, Randy McCarthy, Eric Meyer, Linda Moorhouse, Nolan Miller, Lane Rayburn, Ann Reisner  
Ex officio: Michel Bellini, Brenda Clevenger, John Hart, Dan Mann, Kathy Martensen, Linda Robbennolt

Absent: Steve Michael, Theo Moton, Rahul Raju  
Ex officio:

Guests: Amy Edwards, Assistant Provost & Director; Meghan Hazen, Office of the Registrar; Allison McKinney, Director of Graduate Programs & Policy; Leonard Pitt, Professor, Computer Science; Jacqueline Hitchon, Professor, Advertising; Laurie Hogin, Professor, School of Art and Design; Brenda Wilson, Carle Illinois College of Medicine, Meredith Minehart, Carle Illinois College of Medicine, Normand Paquin, Project Manager, Carle Illinois College of Medicine; Professor Rashid Bashir, Executive Vice Dean Carle Illinois College of Medicine; Dr. King Li Dean, Carle Illinois College of Medicine

A regular meeting of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EPC) was called to order at 1:10 pm on Monday, September 25, 2017, in room 232 English Building with Chair Gay Miller presiding.

1. Introductions  
Guest introductions were made.

2. Approval of Minutes  
The minutes of the meeting of September 11, 2017, were approved as distributed by unanimous consent.

3. Chair's Remarks (G. Miller)  
Chair Miller reported that discussions concerning dual credits were held by the IBHE-FAC and by the University Senate Conference. The sense was given that the ease of credit is one of the items attracting students away from Illinois colleges due to the higher standards held by the University of Illinois.

Chair Miller reported that there was no discussion on the Senate floor for EP.17.74 Proposed Revisions to the Guidelines for General Education Courses (GB.91.02) at the September 18 Senate meeting. She advised that comments were made at the prior Senate Executive Committee (SEC) meeting that our current general education requirements need revisiting with a broad campus discussion to improve on Gen Ed, make sure they are still meeting the goals, and improve on outcomes assessment and evaluation of the value of Gen Ed for our students.

Chair Miller also advised the importance for all committee members to review and provide comments, whether issues/suggested edits are identified or not to the subcommittee chairs. Feedback should be given in a timely manner so that relay of comments to the proposal sponsors occurs giving sponsors time to prepare before the next EPC meeting. She brought to the Committee’s attention that there would be three new proposals posted by end of day, encouraging members to review and provide comments to subcommittee chairs by the end of this week. Chair Miller suggested this timing would work well if it can typically happen.
4. **Office of the Provost Updates and Administrative Approvals** (K. Martensen)
   There were no updates from the Provost’s Office and no administrative approvals.

5. **Graduate College Updates** (J. Hart)
   Hart brought the Committee’s attention to the Coursera Homepage, commenting that the University of Illinois is listed first of seven universities that lay across the homepage brings great attention to the University along with the financial benefit.

6. **Old Business**
   
   A. **Subcommittee A:** Randy McCarthy, Chair; David Hanley, Cynthia Buckley, Faculty Vacancy, Faculty Vacancy, Student Vacancy
      1. **EP.18.05 Establish an Undergraduate Minor in Economics in the Department of Economics from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.**
         McCarthy provided a brief overview of EP.18.05, noting that a revision has been submitted and posted for the committee’s review that addresses all concerns raised. McCarthy moved for approval of EP.18.05 Revision 1. The motion was seconded and no further discussion was held. The motion to approve EP.18.05 Revision 1 passed by voice and will appear on the October 23, 2017, Senate agenda.

   B. **Subcommittee C:** Chair Miller for Steve Michael, Chair; Santiago Nunez-Corrales, Rahul Raju, Ann Reisner, David Huang, Linda Robbennolt
      1. **EP.18.01 Proposal to Establish the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Advertising within the College of Media.**
         Chair Miller provided a brief overview of EP.18.01 in Michael’s absence, advising the proposal sponsors Pitt and Hitchon were in attendance to provide clarification if needed. She advised that a revised proposal along with a Question and Answer document has been posted for the committee’s review. Chair Miller gave a brief overview of the question and answer document with the committee having no further comments or concerns.
         Chair Miller moved for approval of EP.18.01 Revision 1. The motion was seconded and further discussion was held concerning if engineering students going through this program would the same first-year requirements as the pre-engineering program students have. The sponsors responded by answering that the students going through this program would not be required to go through that prep program.
         The motion to approve EP.18.01 Revision 1 passed by voice and will appear on the October 23, 2017, Senate agenda.

   C. **Standing Rule 13**
      Chair Miller advised that USSP is working on considerations of Standing Rule 13 with the expectation we will hear back from them by the end of the semester.
      A discussion was held concerning if there is any charge in investigating the General Education requirements. Chair Miller advised that there were SEC comments made that the General Education requirements should be revisited along with outcome assessments. Buckley advised that she and Kevin Pitts are working on a new dashboard to access the General Education Board requirements and it could be possibly ready by next semester for demonstration to the EPC.

7. **New Business**
A. **Subcommittee B:** Eric Meyer, Chair; Theopolies Moton, Ray Benekohal, Lane Rayburn, Linda Moorhouse

1. **EP.18.10 Proposal to Establish the Biomedical Sciences and Engineering Department and the Clinical Sciences Department for the Carle Illinois College of Medicine.**
   
   Meyer provided a brief overview of EP.18.10, noting that it was just recently posted has not been able to receive much feedback on it as of yet. Meyer advised the proposal sponsors were in attendance for preliminary discussion and advised them that one of the comments received so far was on why only two departments chosen for the College.

   Dr. King Li, Dean of Carle Illinois College of Medicine responded by advising that there are currently 125 faculty in place and the College is very different from a traditional college of medicine in many structural ways as a traditional college of medicine has many full-time faculty and many departments. He advised that this is a new way of thinking as medicine is moving forward thinking of a system in a more holistic way.

   A discussion was held regarding committee members raising concern that per the University Statues when creating a new department, there needs to be a vote by faculty on the department formation.

   **Section 3. Formation of New Units**
   
   a. Departments. The formation of a new department or similar academic unit within a school or college may be proposed by the faculty or executive officer of that school or college. The president shall submit the proposal for the new unit together with the advice of the faculty of the school or college of each higher unit, taken and recorded by a vote of the faculty by secret written ballot in accordance with the bylaws of that unit, of the appropriate senate, taken and recorded by a vote of the senate, of the appropriate chancellor/vice president, and of the University Senates Conference to the Board of Trustees for action.

   Proposal sponsors advised that there was a faculty meeting establishing the college bylaws to establish two departments. The College voted on the bylaws to establish two departments and then the faculty were hired.

   The committee advised the proposal sponsors that it would be wise to hold a vote by faculty on the department formation to abide the University Statutes. The proposal sponsors willingly agreed to hold a faculty vote on the formation of the two departments. It was also suggested that where it reads N/A in the proposal, to replace it with “addressed in previous proposal” to avoid confusion.

   Chair Miller advised the committee to review and provide feedback to subcommittee chair, Eric Meyer as further consideration of EP.18.10 will be deferred until the next EPC meeting.

B. **Subcommittee C:** Chair Miller for Steve Michael, Chair; Santiago Nunez-Corrales, Rahul Raju, Ann Reisner, David Huang, Kathryn LaBarre, Linda Robbennolt

1. **EP.18.08 Proposal to Establish a New Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art (with Concentrations) in the School of Art and Design, College of Fine and Applied Arts.**

2. **EP.18.09 Proposal to Establish A New Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art (with concentrations) in the School of Art and Design, College of Fine and Applied Arts.**

   Chair Miller provided a brief overview of both EP.18.08 and EP.18.09 in Michael’s absence, noting that revisions to both proposals along with a document of sponsor clarifications to committee questions were posted for the committee’s review. L. Robbennolt and L. Hogin, proposal sponsor, provided an overview of clarifications to the committee’s questions.
They advised that there is a whole demographic of students wanting to pursue a dual degree in the School of Art and Design but it has been essentially impossible for students to obtain a dual degree in an appropriate amount of time. They believe the best way to come up with a solution is to create a whole portfolio of BA degrees to combine with other degrees to accommodate students wanting a dual degree.

The request was made to remove the word “film” from the proposal as it is misleading. Proposal sponsor agreed and advised they will remove the word in the final revision.

The motion was made to approve EP.18.08 and EP.18.09, subject to the minor editorial revision of removing the word “film” from the proposal.

The motion was seconded and further discussion was held on the importance of advising regarding guidance with the BA for 40 credits and the BFA for 122 credits and what the difference is between the two. The sponsors advised that the BA degree is going to allow more lateral flexibility and the BFA allows for more research flexibility. The Committee advised it would be wise to clarify the distinction for the catalog.

The motion as made to approve EP.18.08 and EP.18.09 subject to two minor revisions: removing the word “film” from the proposal as it is misleading and to make the sentence that clarifies the distinction between the BA and the BFA a separate paragraph for clarification. The motion was seconded and no further discussion was held.

The motion to approve EP.18.08 and EP.18.09 subject to two minor revisions to the language passed by voice and will appear on the October 23, 2017, Senate agenda.

C. **Subcommittee A: Randy McCarthy, Chair; David Hanley, Cynthia Buckley, Nolan Miller, Faculty Vacancy, Student Vacancy**

1. **EP.18.11 Proposal to Revise the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering, from the College of Engineering**

   McCarthy gave a brief overview of eP.18.11, noting that he is seeing a movement to more specific design courses from industrial design. He advised he would like to get more clarification from the proposal sponsors and suggested that an Appendix A would be helpful with this proposal. McCarthy encouraged the committee to review and send feedback as he will gather clarification for the next EPC meeting.

8. **Adjournment**

   The meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm