A regular meeting of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EPC) was called to order at 1:10 pm on Monday, January 22, 2018, 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 December 4, 2017, were approved as distributed by unanimous consent.

3. Chair’s Remarks (G. Miller)
Chair Miller reported that the committee MOSAC (the MOOC and Online Strategy Advisory Committee) had been charged to provide recommendations for our Illinois online strategy in a summary document commenting on the following items:

- Strategy concerning our MOOC partnerships with Coursera and EdX
- Recommendations on the services provided by CITL as well as the current funding mechanism.
- Ideas for how to engage the campus and develop a strategy for pre-college and online undergraduate education at Illinois

Chair Miller provided the following list of MOSAC committee members:

- Jim Anderson, Dean, Education (Chair)
- Harry Dankowicz, Associate Dean, Engineering
- Linda Smith, Associate Dean, iSchool
- Arshad Saiyed, Executive Director of Online Learning, Business
- Reggie Alston, Associate Dean, AHS
- John Lammers, Professor, LAS
- Jeffrey Brawn, Professor, ACES
- Kevin Pitts, Office of the Provost, Ex-officio
- Adam Fein, Office of the Provost, Ex-officio

Chair Miller also reported that January 19, 2018, she attended the IBHE-FAC meeting. Jamie Ray, legislative liaison for the IBHE, shared that a conversation she had with Higher Learning Commission (HLC) has HLC concerned about the implications of the Illinois budget impasse of 2015-2017 for accreditation for Illinois institutions of higher education. HLC clearly states that institutions must have the fiscal
resources that support its operations. Without a stable budget for higher education in Illinois, Illinois, institutions of higher education are at risk for losing accreditation. Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) requested that Senates provide resolutions about the need for stable state support for higher education. Chair Miller provided some DRAFT language and expected that she will receive something back more specific from the IBHE FAC. Chair Miller plans to reach out to GUP to consider if they are willing to develop the more formal DRAFT resolution for our campus and will keep the committee updated on the process.

4. Office of the Provost Updates and Administrative Approvals EP.18.33 (K. Martensen)
There were no updates from the Provost's Office, and Martensen gave a brief overview of EP.18.33, the administrative approvals through January 22, 2018. No further discussion was held, and EP.18.33 was approved by unanimous consent and will appear on the February 5, 2018, Senate agenda as a Report.

5. Graduate College Updates (J. Hart)
There were no updates from the Graduate College, and Hart reminded the committee that it is time for the planning of the 2024 academic calendar. McCarthy added an update concerning the 2017 winter session, noting that it was a success with retention being the highest yet, even with the condensed year. He also added that off-campus students went from 8 to 108 this year as well. Chair Miller said that reports on winter session had been given to EPC and the Senate previously; she will check to learn if there is a more formal winter session report to share with EPC.

6. Old Business

A. Types of Academic Programs (K. Martensen)
No new discussion was held.

B. Subcommittee A: Randy McCarthy, Chair; Cynthia Buckley, Nolan Miller, Samantha Frost, Amanda Yuile

1. EP.18.20 Revised Proposed Revisions to Article 3 of the 2017-2018 Student Code
McCarthy provided a brief overview of EP.18.20. Martensen provided a brief overview of one of the revisions noting the amendments made by the Conference on Conduct Governance (CCG) in §3-108, Procedures for Review of Instructor’s Ability to Communicate in English, are to remove language that is no longer relevant and seen as potentially discriminatory against individuals for whom English is not their first language. She clarified that approved text in the proposal is in the left column; text to be deleted is struck through and added language is underlined in the middle column, and the updated result based on changes to the two subsections in this proposal is on the right.

The motion was made to approve EP.18.20 Revision 1. The motion was seconded, and no further discussion was held. The motion to approve EP.18.20 Revision 1 passed by voice and will appear on the February 5, 2018, Senate agenda.

2. EP.18.29 Proposal to Revise the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Communications from the College of ACES
McCarthy gave a brief overview of EP.18.29, noting that discussions are ongoing between Agricultural Communications and Media concerning revamping courses and that conflict has resolved enough to allow things to progress forward. McCarthy moved for approval of EP.18.29 Revision 1. The motion was seconded, and no further discussion was held. The motion to approve EP.18.29 Revision 1 passed by voice and will appear on the February 5, 2018, Senate agenda.

C. Subcommittee B: Eric Meyer, Chair; Theo Moton, Ray Benekohal, Lane Rayburn, Phoebe Handler, Linda Moorhouse
1. **EP.18.21 Proposal to Revise the BALAS in Latin American Studies, within the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, College of LAS**

   Meyer provided a brief overview of EP.18.21, reporting that a revised proposal has been submitted and posted for the committee’s review and consideration that now resolved all questions or concerns raised by the committee. Meyer moved for approval of EP.18.21 Revision 1. The motion was seconded, and no further discussion was held. The motion to approve EP.18.21 Revision 1 passed by voice and will appear on the February 5, 2018, Senate agenda.

D. **ISG Resolution on Mandatory Midterm Grade Reporting**

   No discussion was held.

7. **New Business**

   A. **Subcommittee A:** Randy McCarthy, Chair; Cynthia Buckley, Nolan Miller, Samantha Frost, Amanda Yuile

      1. **EP.18.35 Proposal to Request for the Advice of the Academic Senate on Seeking Board of Trustees Approval for Naming of the Axis Risk Management Academy**

         McCarthy provided a brief overview of EP.18.35, noting that background documents were recently added to the proposal to clarify the academy. McCarthy advised that he had not received any concerns or questions from the committee to date. A sponsor in attendance provided a brief overview of the academy advising that the objective is to give students the professional skills to be high functioning and academic as in a professional development skill. It was added that there would not be any new hires as the plans are for current faculty to pick up the slack. It was stated that the money is for operational expenses, salaries, buses, field trips, compensation for outside speakers, etc., and the funding is for a five-year contract. Continued naming would require additional contributions.

         The EPC suggested that a sentence or two to be inserted into a revised proposal explaining how the money is planned to be spent would offer broader clarification. Further discussion of EP.18.35 is deferred until the next EPC meeting.

   B. **Subcommittee B:** Eric Meyer, Chair; Theo Moton, Ray Benekohal, Lane Rayburn, Phoebe Handler, Linda Moorhouse

      1. **EP.18.31 Proposal to Establish the Bachelor of Science in Information Sciences from the School of Information Sciences**

         Meyer provided a brief overview of EP.18.31, suggesting that logic may need to be added to the proposal. Meyer advised that he will suggest this and ask for further clarification on phrasing language along with letters of support to be submitted. Further discussion of EP.18.31 is deferred until the next EPC meeting.

      2. **EP.18.32 Proposal to Revise the Business Core Curriculum, which Translates to Revisions for All Available Bachelor of Science degrees Offered by the College of Business: Accountancy, Finance, Information Systems, Management, Marketing, Operations Management, and Supply Chain Management from the College of Business**

         Meyer provided a brief overview of EP.18.32, noting that there are some minor editorial changes that could be done but not required. Chair Miller advised that a letter of support or recognition from those departments that are directly impacted are needed as it will decrease IUs from departments and increase Business IUs. N. Miller announced that sponsors are prepared to attend the next EPC meeting to discuss this proposal. A discussion was held concerning members expressing the importance of students getting the experience of taking courses at a variety of colleges and not just all at one college. Further discussion of EP.18.32 is deferred until the next EPC meeting.
3. **EP.18.36 Proposal to Request for the Advice of the Academic Senate on Seeking Board of Trustees Approval for Naming of the Origin Ventures Academy of Entrepreneurial Leadership**

   Meyer gave an a brief overview of EP.18.36, noting the need for clarification concerning the structure and there seem to be substantial issues that require further clarification from sponsors. Further discussion of EP.18.36 is deferred until the next EPC meeting when Dean Brown is expected to be in attendance.

C. **Subcommittee C:** Steve Michael, Chair; Rahul Raju, Ann Reisner, David Huang, Kathryn LaBarre, Linda Robbennolt, ex-officio

1. **EP.18.28 Proposal to Establish the Master of Sustainable Urban Design as a Self-Supporting Program from the College of Fine and Applied Arts**

   Chair Miller advised that committee questions concerning EP.18.28 have been sent to the proposal sponsor for clarification and Michael is still awaiting responses in which he will share with the committee when he receives them at the next EPC meeting. Further discussion of EP.18.28 is deferred until the next EPC meeting.

2. **EP.18.34 Proposal to Add Geography & Geographic Information Science (GIS) to the list of units participating in the BSLAS in Computer Science and a LAS Discipline (CS + X)**

   No discussion was held.

3. **EP.18.37 Proposal to Establish the Clinical Sciences Department and the Biomedical and Translational Sciences Department for the Carle Illinois College of Medicine**

   Chair Miller advised that the original proposal EP.18.10 was withdrawn and a new proposal was submitted due to the new name of one of the departments and stating that it is basically the same proposal other than the department name. Chair Miller welcomed proposal sponsor Professor Rashid Bashir, Executive Associate Dean and Chief Diversity Officer, Carle Illinois College of Medicine, in which he provided a brief overview of the proposal noting that the department is primarily made up of biosciences in which it makes perfect sense for the new name change. He reported that there are supporting letters from the College of Engineering and Veterinary Medicine included in the proposal as well. He advised that the prior name was much more restrictive and the new name is much more transitional and broader. A discussion was held concerning various faculty disposition with Bashir advising he would follow up and provide a chart of the faculty disposition to the committee.

   The motion to approve EP.18.37 was made. The motion to approve was seconded and no further discussion was held. The motion to approve EP.18.37 passed by voice and will appear on the February 5, 2018, Senate agenda.

D. **General Discussion – Useful Data/Info on CS+X and Related Programs** (e.g., # applicants, yield, etc.)

   No discussion was held.

8. **Adjournment**

   The meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm

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