

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE

Committee on Educational Policy
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EP.10.49 2009-2010 Annual Report

In accordance with the *Senate Bylaws*, Part D, Section 8, the Committee on Educational Policy (EPC) is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations on degree programs; new, revised or terminated curricula; degree requirements; grading regulations; evaluation of experimental educational programs; and budgetary implications of the foregoing.

EPC operates with three subcommittees, which review proposals referred to the Committee by the Provost's Office. The subcommittees were chaired by Professors Phillip Geil and Michael Krassa and Ms. Natasha Jankowski; each elected and *ex officio* member serves on one of the subcommittees. Once the subcommittee believes a proposal is fully documented and ready for Senate action, the subcommittee chair recommends adoption by the full Committee.

EPC considered 48 new proposals. Items acted upon by the Senate this year are listed below by identifier and title, under the date upon which it was approved by the Senate. Three items were carried over to the following year; two items were removed—one proposal from this year and a second that had been carried over from 2007-08. Additionally, Assistant Provost Kristi Kuntz reported on 18 proposals requiring only administrative approval.

As well as reviewing items for Senate action, EPC considered the following issues and areas related to educational policy.

ICES Online

EPC discussed the Instructor and Course Evaluation System (ICES) online initiative with the chairs of the Senate Committees on Academic Freedom and Tenure (AFT), Jeff Dawson, and General University Policy (GUP), John Prussing; then Vice-Provost Richard Wheeler and Vice-Provost Barbara Wilson; and Center for Teaching Excellence representatives, Director John Ory and Division Head Chris Migotsky. EPC, AFT and GUP facilitated the scheduling of a February 22 Senate Committee of the Whole discussion during which senators commented on a presentation of comparison data between ICES Online and the current paper evaluation system.

Stewarding Excellence @ Illinois

The Committee met with Dean Deba Dutta, Chair of the Campus Steering Committee, who described the process for review of multiple projects to identify cost-saving measures across campus. Project teams are given a specific charge and will provide recommendations for moving forward through current financial challenges. Dean Dutta indicated that proposals for new courses will not be dismissed out of hand, but this will affect EPC's role in the evaluation of new proposals to ensure that the University is configured to sustain its programs.

Institute of Aviation

EPC met with AVIA Interim Director Tom Emanuel and Professor Terry von Thaden, and the Campus Advisory Committee liaison to the Institute of Aviation Project Team, Professor Rayvon Fouché. The Institute of Aviation is the first academic unit to be examined under the Stewarding Excellence process. Reorganization of the Institute began approximately two years ago with distribution of Human Factors faculty to other units, which may ultimately have an impact on viability of the Human Factors BS and MS degree programs. At a subsequent meeting, EPC was joined by Interim Vice-Chancellor Richard Wheeler to discuss the future of the program and the faculty involved. He and Interim Chancellor/Provost Robert Easter are awaiting the report of the AVIA project team.

General Education Requirements

The Committee met with the co-chairs of the General Education Board (GEB), Professors Carol Symes and David Lange, who provided information on a new GenEd initiative designed to present general education requirements to undergraduate students in a more positive fashion. GEB has developed a theme-based framework for consideration as an advising tool. GenEd themes would not alter current requirements nor would students be required to pursue a theme; themes are proposed as a method to inspire and motivate students as they complete their general education coursework and to enhance the undergraduate education experience.

Degree Completion Program

EPC appointed a task group to develop proposed guidelines for degree completion. The task group is chaired by LAS Assistant Dean Lucy Rich, who presented a draft report at EPC's April meeting. Discussion of the matter will be continued in the coming year.

Public Hearings

A public hearing to discuss EP.10.20 and EP.10.21 was held on Wednesday, December 9, 2:00-3:00 p.m., in the Lucy Ellis Lounge (FLB). The minutes of the hearing were included with the proposals when presented for Senate action on February 22.

A public hearing to discuss the proposed reorganization of the Departments of Educational Organization and Leadership, Educational Policy Studies, and Human Resource Education was held on Wednesday, March 31, at 3:00 p.m., in 42A Education Building. The minutes of the hearing are included with the proposal slated for Senate action on April 26 (EP.10.37).

PROPOSALS

October 5, 2009 Senate Meeting:

- EP.09.75 Proposal from the Graduate College and the Illinois Informatics Institute to Establish an Informatics Ph.D. Program
- EP.10.02 Proposal to Establish M.S. in Technical Systems Management and an optional graduate Concentration in the Professional Science Master's Program, College of ACES and Graduate College
- EP.10.03 Proposal to Eliminate the M.S. in the Teaching of Kinesiology in the Department of Kinesiology and Community Health, College of AHS and Graduate College
- EP.10.04 Proposal to Eliminate Six Master of Teaching Degrees, College of LAS and Graduate College
- EP.10.05 Proposal to Establish a BALAS in Latina/Latino Studies, College of LAS
- EP.10.07 Proposal from the College of Applied Health Sciences to Revise the Undergraduate Major in Speech and Hearing Science

November 9, 2009 Senate meeting:

- EP.10.01 Proposal to Establish a Concentration in Korean in the B.S. in Elementary Education and the B.S. in Early Childhood, College of Education
- EP.10.11 Proposal from GRAD and FAA to Eliminate the CAS in Music Education
- EP.10.12 Proposal from GRAD and FAA to Eliminate the M.S. in Music Education
- EP.10.13 Proposal from GRAD and GSLIS to Eliminate a Graduate Concentration in Media in the M.S. in Library and Information Science
- EP.10.14 Proposal from MDA and ACES to Establish the B.S. in Agricultural Communications in the College of Media
- EP.10.15 Proposal from ACES to Establish an Undergraduate Minor in Food and Environmental Systems

December 7, 2009 Senate Meeting:

- EP.09.65 Rename the Teaching of Social Studies Concentration in the BALAS in History as the Social Science: History Teaching Concentration in the BALAS in History, LAS
- EP.10.10 Proposal from GRAD and ENGR to Revise the M.S. and Ph.D. in Bioengineering
- EP.10.16 Proposal from the College of Engineering to Revise the B.S. in Civil Engineering
- EP.10.18 Proposal from the College of Engineering to Revise the B.S. in Engineering Physics
- EP.10.24 Proposal from the College of Media to Rename the Department of Advertising as the Charles H. Sandage Department of Advertising
- EP.10.25 Proposal from the College of Engineering to Revise the Undergraduate Minor in Physics
- EP.10.26 Proposal from the College of Engineering to Revise the B.S. in Engineering Mechanics
- EP.10.27 Proposal from the College of Engineering to Revise the B.S. in Mechanical Engineering
- EP.10.28 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Eliminate the BSLAS in Biology Honors
- EP.10.29 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Revise the BALAS in Geography
- EP.10.30 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Revise the Undergraduate Minor in English as a Second Language

February 22, 2010 Senate Meeting:

- EP.10.17 Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of Business to Establish a Graduate Minor in Corporate Governance and International Business
- EP.10.20 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Reorganize the Gender and Women's Studies Program as the Department of Gender and Women's Studies
- EP.10.21 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Reorganize the Latina/Latino Studies Program as the Department of Latina/Latino Studies
- EP.10.23 Proposal from the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences to Revise the B.S. in Animal Sciences
- EP.10.31 Proposal from the Graduate College and ACES to Rename the M.S. and Ph.D. in Agricultural and Consumer Economics as the M.S. and Ph.D. in Agricultural and Applied Economics
- EP.10.35 Proposal from Graduate College and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Establish a Graduate Minor in Asian American Studies

March 29, 2010 Senate Meeting:

- EP.10.19 Proposal from ENGR to Revise the B.S. in Agricultural and Biological Engineering

- EP.10.32 Proposal from the Graduate College and College of Veterinary Medicine to Rename the Department of Veterinary Biosciences as the Department of Comparative Biosciences
- EP.10.33 Proposal from Engineering to Revise the Undergraduate Curriculum in Bioengineering
- EP.10.36 Discontinuance of Undergraduate Minor in Food and Bioprocess Engineering; Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering; ENGR
- EP.10.43 Revision of the Grade Replacement Policy

Items slated for approval at the April 26 Senate Agenda:

- EP.10.34 Establish a New Master of Arts (M.A.) in Religion, in the Department of Religion, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- EP.10.37 Proposed Reorganization of the Departments of Educational Organization and Leadership, Educational Policy Studies, and Human Resource Education into one Department with the new name of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership; College of Education
- EP.10.38 Revision and title change of the BSLAS in Earth Systems, Environment and Society; School of Earth, Society and the Environment; College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- EP.10.39 Restructuring the Existing M.A. in Asian Studies Program into Two Distinct M.A. Programs: M.A. in East Asian Studies and M.A. in South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies; College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- EP.10.40 Revision to the B.S. Degree in Industrial Engineering, Department of Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering (IESE); College of Engineering
- EP.10.41 Revisions to the B.S. Degree in General Engineering, Department of Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering (IESE); College of Engineering
- EP.10.42 Creation of a Minor in Earth, Society, and Environment; College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- EP.10.45 Establish an MS in Health Communication; Graduate College and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- EP.10.47 Proposal from the Senate Educational Policy Committee to make changes in Final Exam Policies

Items carried over to 2010-2011:

- EP.10.22 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Establish an Interdisciplinary Minor in Museum Studies. This item was approved by the Committee, but was later pulled from the February 22 Senate agenda due to concerns expressed regarding the financial implications.
- EP.10.44 Clarify the Policy Regarding How Graduate GPA is Calculated and Revise the Policy Regarding How Repeated Courses are Factored into Graduate GPA. The Committee formed an *ad hoc* committee in conjunction with the Registrar's Office to consider the breadth of issues related to the computation of scholastic averages.
- EP.10.46 Revise BFA in New Media Proposal; College of Fine and Applied Arts. This proposal was received by EPC in early April and lacked sufficient documentation to be approved before the end of the year.
- EP.10.48 Proposal from the College of ACES to Establish a Minor in Leadership Studies. This proposal also was received in early April and lacks full documentation.

Items removed from the agenda:

- EP.08.26 Proposal from the College of Business to Establish an Undergraduate Minor in Entrepreneurship. EPC was awaiting a revised proposal from its sponsor; the item was removed on 8/24/09.
- EP.10.06 Proposal from GSLIS to Establish a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree in Informatics in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science. The proposed title of the degree was discussed at length in Committee with GSLIS Dean John Unsworth and CSE Director Michael Heath; a compromise could not be reached and, ultimately, a motion to approve the proposal as presented failed.

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