EP.11.37 2010-2011 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 Michael Krassa, Phillip Geil and Bettina Francis; 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 36 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. Additionally, Assistant Provost Kristi Kuntz reported on 33 proposals requiring only administrative approval.

Public Hearings

A public hearing was held on March 14, 2011 on EP.11.15, Proposal from the Interim Chancellor and Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs to eliminate the BS in Aviation Human Factors, the Professional Pilot Curriculum, and the MS in Human Factors in the Institute of Aviation and EP.11.32, Proposal from the Interim Chancellor and Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs to close the Institute of Aviation. A second public hearing to discuss EP.11.33, Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to reorganize the Asian American Studies Program as the Department of Asian American Studies was held on April 11, 2011.

ITEMS APPROVED BY THE SENATE

EP.10.46 Proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts to revise the BFA in New Media Degree in the School of Art and Design 12/06/2010
EP.11.01 Proposal from the Graduate College and College of Media to revise the M.S. in Advertising 10/04/2010
EP.11.02 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to establish two undergraduate minors—Integrative Biology as well as one in Ecology and Conservation Biology 11/08/2010
EP.11.03 Proposal from the College of ACES to rename the undergraduate minor in Quantitative Methods in Natural Resource and Environmental Science as the Spatial and Quantitative Methods in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences 11/08/2010
EP.11.06 Proposal from the College of Engineering to establish the Customized Concentration in the B.S. in Materials Science in Engineering 11/08/2010
EP.11.07 Proposal from the College of ACES to establish a Minor in Natural Resource Conservation to be offered by the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences 11/08/2010
EP.11.09 Proposal from the College of ACES to establish the Agricultural Leadership and Science Education (ALSE) Program 11/08/2010
EP.11.10 Proposal from the College of ACES to establish the B.S. in Agricultural Leadership and Science Education 11/08/2010
EP.11.11 Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to establish a Professional Science Master’s concentration in the MS in Plant Biology 12/06/2010
EP.11.12 Proposal from the Graduate College to establish a Graduate Minor in Gender Relations in International Development (GRID) 11/08/2010
EP.11.13 Proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts to revise the curriculum and reduce the required minimum hours for the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (BLA) degree 12/06/2010
EP.11.14 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to revise the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts & Sciences in Religion degree 4/25/2011
EP.11.15 Proposal from the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs to eliminate the BS in Aviation Human Factors, the Professional Pilot Curriculum, and the MS in Human 4/25/2011
Factors in the Institute of Aviation

EP.11.16 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to revise and rename the Interdisciplinary Minor in Gender and Women’s Studies as the undergraduate minor in Gender and Women’s Studies 3/28/2011

EP.11.17 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to revise the Undergraduate Minor in LGBT/Queer Studies 3/28/2011

EP.11.18 Proposal from the Graduate College to add a master’s thesis as an optional alternative to the master’s examination in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures 2/28/2011

EP.11.19 Proposal from the College of ACES to revise and rename the Agri-Finance concentration as the Finance in Agribusiness concentration in the B.S. in Agricultural and Consumer Economics 3/28/2011

EP.11.20 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to revise the M.S. in Astronomy 2/28/2011

EP.11.21 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to revise the Ph.D. in Astronomy 2/28/2011

EP.11.22 Proposal from the College of ACES to revise the M.S. in Agricultural Education 2/28/2011

EP.11.23 Proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts to create two new concentrations, one in instrumental conducting – wind band and one in instrumental conducting – orchestra 3/28/2011

EP.11.24 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to revise the MFA in Creative Writing 2/28/2011

EP.11.25 Proposal from the College of Engineering to revise the B.S. in Materials Science and Engineering 2/28/2011

EP.11.26 Proposal from the College of ACES to establish an undergraduate minor in Interdisciplinary Leadership Studies 2/28/2011

EP.11.27 Proposal from the College of ACES to revise the B.S. in Horticulture 2/28/2011

EP.11.28 Proposal from the College of ACES to establish a minor in Horticulture 2/28/2011

EP.11.29 Proposal from Associate Provost Keith Marshall to reconsider the Dual Credit Policy 4/25/2011

EP.11.30 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to revise the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts & Sciences in Gender and Women’s Studies 3/28/2011

EP.11.31 Proposal from the Senate Educational Policy Committee to Establish Guidelines for Degree Completion 2/28/2011

EP.11.32 Proposal from the Chancellor and Provost to Close the Institute of Aviation 2/28/2011

EP.11.34 Proposal from the Graduate College to terminate the M.A. in Mathematics 4/25/2011

EP.11.35 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to revise and rename the BSLAS in Earth, Society, and Environment as Earth, Society and Environmental Sustainability 4/25/2011

EP.11.36 Proposal from the College of Business to revise the minor in Business for Non-Business majors 4/25/2011

Items carried over to 2011-2012:

EP.11.04 Proposal from the Graduate College to revise the policy regarding how repeated courses are factoring into graduate GPA’s

EP.11.05 Proposal from the Graduate College of clarify the policy regarding how graduate GPA’s are calculated

EP.11.33 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to reorganize the Asian American Studies Program as the Department of Asian American Studies

Returned to Committee:

EP.10.47 Proposal from the Senate Educational Policy Committee to make changes in Final Exam Policies

Withdrawn by Sponsor:

EP.10.22 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Establish an Interdisciplinary Minor in Museum Studies

EP.10.44 Proposal from the Graduate College to clarify the policy regarding how graduate GPA is calculated and revise the policy regarding how repeated courses are factored into graduate GPA

EP.11.08 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to eliminate the B.S. in Biophysics
Proposal from the College ACES to establish a minor in Leadership Studies (see EP.11.26)

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