In accordance with Bylaws, Part D, Section 8, the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EP) examines and makes recommendations to the Senate concerning appropriate action on educational policy matters over which the Senate has legislative jurisdiction, including degree programs; initiation, changes or discontinuance of curricula; requirements for award of degrees; grading regulations; review and evaluation of experimental educational programs; and budgetary implications of the foregoing.

This report summarizes the activities of EP during the 2019-2020 academic year. EP met on September 9, September 23, October 7, October 21, November 4, November 18, December 2, December 9, January 27, February 3, February 17, March 2, March 30, April 6, April 8, April 13, April 20 and April 27, May 4, May 11 and potentially beyond that date as warranted to provide expedited review of urgent matters during the COVID-19 pandemic. More detailed information is provided in the minutes of those meetings.

A significant change in committee procedures this year involved a shift away from asking proposal sponsors to complete a special form for each proposal. Committee members worked with the Office of the Provost and the Office of the Registrar to simplify the questions and integrate them within the University’s CourseLeaf academic catalog system, then to brief contacts from each college. Among other things, this eliminated the need for sponsors to complete two sets of paperwork and automated the process of verifying that program requirements matched actual courses in the academic catalog. Simultaneously, an effort was made to elicit shorter, more focused yet open-ended answers to common questions to streamline the entire process.

It may be useful to understand procedures employed by the committee. Proposals are referred to the committee by the Office of the Provost. To expedite handling of routine proposals, an Assistant Provost and the committee chair review each item and agree to identify some noncontroversial items, which would not require Board of Trustees approval, as candidates for administrative approval. The full committee is notified of and receives access to the full text of each such proposal at least four days before each meeting and is briefed on their contents at that meeting. Any member may opt to remove any proposal from the administrative approval list. If so, it becomes a regular agenda item. Items not removed are approved as a package and reported to the Senate.
Each proposal not considered an administrative approval is assigned to one of three subcommittees, whose chairs take the lead in working with sponsors and other committee members to identify questions and seek any clarification, documentation or adjustment that might facilitate consideration of the proposal by the full committee. Each voting member of the full committee serves on one of the subcommittees. After a subcommittee chair has worked with the proposal sponsor to prepare the proposal for a meeting of the full committee, the subcommittee chair presents the proposal, and the full committee discusses it and, ultimately, takes action to forward the proposal to the full Senate along with the committee’s recommendation on how the Senate might respond.

Committee and subcommittee members never alter any proposal in any way. Any changes are made by proposal sponsors themselves and are routed back through the same approval path as the original document so that responsible people at each step along the way are made aware of any changes. The committee also has adopted a strategy of not seeking to improve the writing of any proposal unless the writing is ambiguous to the extent that it might be misunderstood. Likewise, the committee does not seek to substitute its judgment for the judgment of disciplinary experts in determining exactly what is needed and how it should be supplied within each academic program. Rather, the committee is primarily concerned with potential unanticipated impacts on students or on other programs that might not have been party to drafting the original proposal. In that role, it often invites comments from units affected by the sponsored proposal, especially units whose courses are added or dropped. The committee also encourages dialogue among units with overlapping curricula to facilitate interdepartmental and interdisciplinary cooperation and reduce overlap and expense.

In addition to handling proposals, the committee received various briefings and had associated discussions to educate members about important work and policies that relate to the work of the committee.

So far, this academic year, the committee has considered a record number of proposals — more than 180, and the count continues to grow as the committee has not yet adjourned for the year. It also has endorsed numerous other changes contained in lists of administrative approvals reported to the Senate. As of this writing, unresolved proposals include one related to review of the Bylaws, Part D.8, which has been referred to the Senate Committee on University Senate Statutes and Procedures; one related to establishing a minimum number of credit hours for the awarding of combined bachelor’s/master’s, which is awaiting an opportunity to meet with various stakeholders; and several new items that arrived with the committee in recent days.

Below is a list of items acted upon by the Senate this academic year. The committee is happy to report that its attempts to anticipate senators’ questions in advance apparently met with sufficient success to allow the overwhelming majority of these items to appear on the Senate’s consent agenda. Items are listed by identifier, title and the date upon which each was approved by the Senate. An asterisk (*) after the identifier indicates that the item was on the Senate’s action agenda. All other items appeared on its consent or reports agendas.
I. **Items Approved by Senate**

- **EP.19.69** Establish a Major in Translational Medical Sciences in the Carle Illinois College of Medicine for the Degree of Master of Science 02/10/2020
- **EP.20.01** Establish a Master of Veterinary Science (MVS) Degree 11/11/2019
- **EP.20.02** Establish a New Major in Metropolitan Food and Environmental Systems, Leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Science in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences 10/14/2019
- **EP.20.03** Establish a Major in Livestock Systems Health, Master of Veterinary Science 11/11/2019
- **EP.20.04** Establish a New Graduate-level Concentration Titled "Data Analytics in Finance" in the Department of Finance in the Gies College of Business 11/11/2019
- **EP.20.06** Revise the BALAS in History, Social Science: History Teaching concentration, Department of History, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences 10/14/2019
- **EP.20.07** Revise the Minor in Architectural Studies, School of Architecture, College of Fine and Applied Arts 10/14/2019
- **EP.20.08** Eliminate via Phase Down the Teaching of Biology Concentration, School of Molecular and Cellular Biology and School of Integrative Biology, Liberal Arts and Sciences 10/14/2019
- **EP.20.09** Revise the Bachelor of Music Education Concentration Name of "Elementary General Music" to "General Music," School of Music, College of Fine and Applied Arts 10/14/2019
- **EP.20.10** Suspension of Enrollment in Full-time Residential and Part-time MBA Programs 04/27/2020
- **EP.20.11** Revise the Computer Science + Crop Sciences Major for the Bachelor of Science Degree, in the Department of Crop Sciences, College of ACES, and the Department of Computer Science, College of Engineering 11/11/2019
- **EP.20.13** Eliminate (via phase down) the Bachelor of Fine Arts in New Media in the School of Art and Design, College of Fine and Applied Arts 10/14/2019
- **EP.20.14** Eliminate (via phase down) the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Sculpture in the School of Art and Design, College of Fine and Applied Arts 10/14/2019
- **EP.20.15** Eliminate (via phase down) the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting in the School of Art and Design, College of Fine and Applied Arts 10/14/2019
EP.20.17  Elimination of Requirement of a Masters Degree for Admission to Agricultural and Applied Economics PhD Program  10/14/2019

EP.20.18  Change the Name of the PhD Program for School of Information Sciences  10/14/2019

EP.20.19  Establish Joint Program in the Department of Crop Sciences for BS/MS  11/11/2019

EP.20.20  Establish a Graduate Concentration in Developmental Psychopathology in the PhD in Psychology, Department of Psychology  10/14/2019

EP.20.22  Proposal to rename the Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities and establish the “Humanities Research Institute” as a permanent institute.  11/11/2019

EP.20.23  Revision of the Speech and Hearing Science (SHS) Undergraduate Major  11/11/2019

EP.20.24  Establishing a 5-year BS/MS option in the Department of Recreation, Sport and Tourism (RST)  11/11/2019

EP.20.25  Establish a Master of Public Health in Epidemiology Major  11/11/2019

EP.20.26  Proposal to rescind the restructuring of College of Veterinary Medicine PhD programs into a single doctoral program named “Comparative Biomedical Sciences” and to continue the existing PhD programs in Comparative Biosciences and Pathobiology.  11/11/2019

EP.20.27  Proposal to Continue the existing PhD programs in Comparative Biosciences  11/11/2019

EP.20.28  Proposal to continue the existing PhD programs in Pathobiology  11/11/2019

EP.20.29  Establish an Undergraduate Minor In Legal Studies  12/09/2019

EP.20.30  Revision of the Speech and Hearing Science (SHS) Undergraduate Major and Concentrations, BS (Neuroscience)  11/11/2019

EP.20.31  Revision of the Speech and Hearing Science (SHS) Undergraduate Major and Concentrations, BS (Audiology)  11/11/2019

EP.20.32  Revision of the Speech and Hearing Science (SHS) Undergraduate Major and Concentrations, BS (Language Pathology)  11/11/2019

EP.20.33  Revision of the Speech and Hearing Science (SHS) Undergraduate Major and Concentrations (Cultural-Linguistic Diversity)  11/11/2019

EP.20.34  Establish a Minor in Disability Studies in the Department of Kinesiology and Community Health, College of Applied Health Sciences  02/10/2020
EP.20.36 Revising Concentrations within Germanic Studies 12/09/2019
EP.20.37 Revise Requirements for the German Business and Commercial Studies Concentration 12/09/2019
EP.20.38 Revise Concentration Name to German Studies and Revise Requirements 12/09/2019
EP.20.39 Eliminate the German Linguistics Concentration 12/09/2019
EP.20.40 Revise the Scandinavian Studies Concentration Requirements 12/09/2019
EP.20.41 Establish Joint Program in the Department of Crop Sciences for the BS of Computer Science + Crop Sciences and MS in Crop Sciences 12/09/2019
EP.20.44 Eliminate the BS MS in Industrial Engineering 02/10/2020
EP.20.45 Eliminate the BS MS in Mechanical Engineering 02/10/2020
EP.20.46 Revision of Curriculum Requirements for the Ph.D. in Civil Engineering to Add a 96-Credit Hour Option 02/10/2020
EP.20.47 Revision of Curriculum Requirements for the Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering to Add a 96-Credit Hour Option 02/10/2020
EP.20.48 Revision to the Master of Accounting Science (MAS) Degree Course Requirements 02/10/2020
EP.20.49 Revision to Taxation Concentration. Revision to the Master of Accounting Science (MAS) Degree Course Requirements 02/10/2020
EP.20.50 Revision to the Data Analytics Concentration. Revision to the Master of Accounting Science (MAS) Degree Course Requirements 02/10/2020
EP.20.51 Financial Reporting & Assurance Concentration. Revision to the Master of Accounting Science (MAS) Degree Course Requirements 02/10/2020
EP.20.52 Establish Joint Program in the Department of Animal Sciences for the BS/MANSC 02/10/2020
EP.20.53 Establish a joint BS (CS+ANSC)/MANSC Program in the Department of Animal Sciences 02/10/2020
EP.20.54 Revise the BALAS in Classics, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, to Eliminate the Five Ways Students Can Choose a Classics Major (Major in Classics (Without a Concentration) and the Four Concentrations in Greek, Latin, Classics, Classical Civilization, and Classical Archeology. Add Concentrations in Classical Languages and Classical Civilizations as the Only Two Options Students May Pursue a Classics Major 02/10/2020
| EP.20.55 | Revise the BALAS in Classics: Classical Archeology | 02/10/2020 |
| EP.20.56 | Revise the BALAS in Classics: Classical Civilization | 02/10/2020 |
| EP.20.57 | Elimination of the Undergraduate Minor: Classical Archaeology. In Conjunction with the Elimination of Three Other Undergraduate Minors in the Department of Classics: Classical Civilization, Greek, Latin; and the Creation of Two Minors: Classical Civilizations and Classical Languages | 02/10/2020 |
| EP.20.58 | Elimination of the Undergraduate Minor: Greek Minor | 02/10/2020 |
| EP.20.59 | Elimination of the Undergraduate Minor: Classical Civilization | 02/10/2020 |
| EP.20.60 | Elimination of the Undergraduate Minor: Latin Minor | 02/10/2020 |
| EP.20.61 | Creation of a new Undergraduate Minor: Classical Civilizations | 02/10/2020 |
| EP.20.62 | Creation of a new Undergraduate Minor: Classical Languages | 02/10/2020 |
| EP.20.63 | Revise the BALAS in Classics, Classical Civilizations | 02/10/2020 |
| EP.20.64 | Revise the BALAS in Classics, Classical Languages | 02/10/2020 |
| EP.20.65 | Revising EdD Degree Program Course and Exam Requirement | 02/10/2020 |
| EP.20.66 | Revise the Minor in German, Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures | 02/10/2020 |
| EP.20.67 | Revise the BALAS in Classics | 02/10/2020 |
| EP.20.68 | Revise the BALAS in Classics: Latin | 02/10/2020 |
| EP.20.69 | Establish a new Master of Science (M.S.) in Mental Health Counseling in the Department of Educational Psychology, College of Education | 02/10/2020 |
| EP.20.70 | Proposal to Establish a New Bachelor of Science Degree with a Major in Plant Biotechnology (B.S. in Plant Biotech) in the Department of Crop Sciences, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences | 02/10/2020 |
| EP.20.71 | Revision to the Chemistry Minor | 02/10/2020 |
| EP.20.72 | Urban Studies & Planning: Social Justice | 02/10/2020 |
| EP.20.75 | Remove Art History PhD, Art Education PhD, and Education Policy, Organization, and Leadership MA, EdM, and CAS from a List of Programs Participating in the Writing Studies Floating Concentration | 02/10/2020 |
| EP.20.76 | Create a new Minor in German Business and Commercial Studies | 02/10/2020 |
EP.20.77 Computer Science & Philosophy, BSLAS (Revisions to the BSLAS in Computer Science & Philosophy, Department of Philosophy) 02/10/2020

EP.20.78 Computer Science Minor 02/10/2020

EP.20.79 New Proposal for BFA in Theatre: Arts & Entertainment Technology 02/10/2020

EP.20.80 Revising Requirements for BFA in Theatre: Scenic Design. EP.20.80-EP.20.89 Summary 02/10/2020

EP.20.81 Revising Requirements for BFA in Theatre: Sound Design & Technology 02/10/2020

EP.20.82 Revising Requirements for BFA in Theatre: Lighting Design & Technology 02/10/2020

EP.20.83 Revising Requirements for BFA in Theatre: Scenic Technology 02/10/2020

EP.20.84 Revising Requirements for BFA in Theatre: Costume Design & Technology 02/10/2020

EP.20.85 Revising Requirements for BFA in Theatre: Acting 02/10/2020

EP.20.86 Revising Requirements for BFA in Theatre 02/10/2020

EP.20.87 Revising Requirements for BFA in Theatre: Theatre Studies 02/10/2020

EP.20.88 Revising Requirements for BFA in Theatre: Stage Management 02/10/2020

EP.20.89 Revising Requirements in Theatre Minor, UG 02/10/2020

EP.20.90 Computer Science & Astronomy, BSLAS (Revise the BSLAS in Computer Science & Astronomy, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences) 02/10/2020

EP.20.91 Revising Requirements for BS in Civil Engineering. EP.20.91-EP.20.104 Summary 02/10/2020

EP.20.92 Revising Requirements for BS in Computer Engineering 02/10/2020

EP.20.93 Revising Requirements for BSAG in Agricultural and Biological Engineering 02/10/2020

EP.20.94 Revising Requirements for BS in Agricultural and Biological Engineering 02/10/2020

EP.20.95 Revising Requirements for BS in Agricultural & Biological Engineering: Agricultural Engineering 02/10/2020

EP.20.96 Revising Requirements for BS in Agricultural & Biological Engineering: Biological Engineering 02/10/2020

EP.20.97 Revising Requirements for BS in Computer Science 02/10/2020

EP.20.98 Revising Requirements for BS in Electrical Engineering 02/10/2020

EP.20.99 Revising Requirements for BS in Engineering Mechanics 02/10/2020
| EP.20.100  | Revising Requirements for BS in Engineering Physics | 02/10/2020 |
| EP.20.101  | Revising Requirements for BS in Systems Engineering & Design | 02/10/2020 |
| EP.20.102  | Revising Requirements for BS in Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering | 02/10/2020 |
| EP.20.103  | Revising Requirements for BS in Mechanical Engineering | 02/10/2020 |
| EP.20.104  | Revising Requirements for BS in Materials Science & Engineering | 02/10/2020 |
| EP.20.105  | Revising Requirements for BS in Industrial Engineering | 03/09/2020 |
| EP.20.107  | Eliminate the Teaching East Asian Languages concentration within the BALAS in East Asian Languages and Cultures | 03/09/2020 |
| EP.20.108  | Add Other Language Courses to the Spanish Minor | 03/09/2020 |
| EP.20.109  | Add Other Language Courses to the Spanish, BALAS | 03/09/2020 |
| EP.20.111  | Update the Management, BS | 04/06/2020 |
| EP.20.112  | Deactivate the International Business Concentration | 03/09/2020 |
| EP.20.113  | Create an International Business Minor | 03/09/2020 |
| EP.20.114  | Deactivate the General Management Concentration in Management, BS | 03/09/2020 |
| EP.20.115  | Phase Down of 1-Year M.ARCH Track | 03/09/2020 |
| EP.20.116  | New Concentration in Building Performance in the Master of Architecture (M.ARCH) Program. | 03/09/2020 |
| EP.20.117  | New Concentration in Health and Wellbeing in the Master of Architecture (M.ARCH) | 03/09/2020 |
| EP.20.118  | New Concentration in Urbanism in the Master of Architecture (M.ARCH) Program | 03/09/2020 |
| EP.20.119  | Eliminate the MS in the Teaching of Earth Science, Department of Geology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences | 03/09/2020 |
| EP.20.120  | Revise the Master of Science in Community Health | 03/09/2020 |
| EP.20.121  | Revising EdD Degree Program Course and Exam Requirement | 03/09/2020 |
| EP.20.122  | Proposal to Relocate the Interdisciplinary Health Studies Major: Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, BS | 03/09/2020 |
Proposal to Relocate the Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, BS (Health & Aging concentration) 03/09/2020
Proposal to Relocate the Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, BS (Health Behavior Change Concentration) 03/09/2020
Proposal to Relocate the Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, BS (Health Diversity Concentration) 03/09/2020
Critical Film Production Minor 04/27/2020
Art Undeclared 04/27/2020
Establish a new Fashion concentration within the BASA major in Studio Art 04/06/2020
Establish a new Fashion concentration within the BFASA major in Studio Art 04/06/2020
Establish a new Photography concentration within the BASA major in Studio Art 04/06/2020
Establish a new Photography concentration within the BFASA major in Studio Art 04/06/2020
Bioengineering, BS: Revising How General Education Requirements are Shown; Revising How Free and Liberal Education Electives are Shown 03/09/2020
Agricultural & Consumer Economics, BS 04/06/2020
Agricultural Leadership, Education, & Communications: Agricultural Communications - Advertising, BS 04/27/2020
Agricultural Leadership, Education, & Communications: Agricultural Communications - Journalism, BS 04/27/2020
JP: Agricultural & Consumer Economics, BS and Agricultural & Applied Economics, MAAE 04/06/2020
Information Management, MS (on campus & online) 04/06/2020
Art & Design: Design for Responsible Innovation, MFA 04/27/2020
Community Health, PhD 04/06/2020
Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering, PhD 04/06/2020
Management, MS 04/06/2020
Business Data Analytics Concentration - Floating 04/06/2020
EP.20.147  Agricultural Leadership, Education, & Communications: Organizational & Community Leadership, BS  04/27/2020
EP.20.148  Accountancy: Accountancy Analytics, MS (online)  04/06/2020
EP.20.149  Technology Management Graduate Concentration  04/06/2020
EP.20.150  Revision of the Curriculum Requirements for the M.S. in Financial Engineering, Department of Industrial & Enterprise Systems Engineering, The Grainger College of Engineering  04/06/2020
EP.20.151  Agricultural Leadership, Education, & Communications: Agricultural Education, BS  04/06/2020
EP.20.152  BS: Agricultural Leadership, Education, & Communications, BS  04/06/2020
EP.20.153  Business Analytics, MS  04/27/2020
EP.20.154  Finance Concentration - Floating  04/27/2020
EP.20.155  Urban Studies & Planning: Social Justice, BA  04/06/2020
EP.20.156  Urban Studies & Planning: Global Cities, BA  04/06/2020
EP.20.158  Urban Studies & Planning: Sustainability, BA  04/06/2020
EP.20.159  Urban Studies & Planning, BA  04/06/2020
EP.20.160  Approval Process for the Establishment of Online Delivery Mode of Instruction to Existing, On-Campus Graduate Degree Programs  04/27/2020
EP.20.163  Proposal to Transfer Administration of Informatics and the Related Academic Programs from the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost to the School of Information Sciences  04/27/2020
EP.20.164  Landscape Architecture, PhD  04/27/2020
EP.20.165  Architecture, PhD  04/27/2020
EP.20.166  Strategic Brand Communication, MS – Online  04/27/2020
EP.20.167  Establishment of the Campus Graduate Certificate  04/27/2020
EP.20.168  South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, MA  04/27/2020
EP.20.170  Innovation, Leadership & Engineering Entrepreneurship, BS  04/27/2020
EP.20.171  Aerospace Engineering, BS  04/27/2020
II. **Items Reported to the Senate**

- **EP.20.05** Report of Administrative Approvals through September 9, 2019  
  - 09/16/2019
- **EP.20.16** Report of Administrative Approvals through September 23, 2019  
  - 10/14/2019
- **EP.20.21** Report of Administrative Approvals through October 7, 2019  
  - 10/14/2019
- **EP.20.42** Report of Administrative Approvals through November 12, 2019  
  - 12/09/2019
- **EP.20.73** Report of Administrative Approvals through December 2, 2019  
  - 02/10/2020
- **EP.20.74** Report of Administrative Approvals through February 10, 2020  
  - 02/10/2020
- **EP.20.106** Report of Administrative Approvals through February 10, 2020  
  - 02/10/2020
- **EP.20.110** Report of Administrative Approvals through February 17, 2020  
  - 03/09/2020
- **EP.20.130** Report of Administrative Approvals through March 2, 2020  
  - 03/09/2020
  - 04/27/2020
- **EP.20.161** Discussion to Identify Any Urgent Issues of Educational Policy Arising from COVID-19 Stay-At-Home Orders  
  - 04/27/2020
- **EP.20.162** Report of Administrative Approvals through April 13, 2020  
  - 04/27/2020

III. **Items Approved by the Senate Executive Committee on Behalf of the Senate on May 27, 2020**

- **EP.20.140** Advanced Analytics in Industrial & Enterprise Systems Engineering – Floating (Approved as part of EP.20.134)
- **EP.20.145** Accountancy: Taxation Concentration (Approved as part of EP.20.134)
- **EP.20.169** Media Minor - UG
- **EP.20.174** Discussion on the Zhejiang University – University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Institute
- **EP.20.176** Engineering: Computational Engineering, Meng
- **EP.20.177** Proposal to Reclassify Center for Translational Studies as a Program
- **EP.20.178** Law, LLM
- **EP.20.179** Law, MSL
IV. **ITEM FORWARDED TO THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AS INFORMATIONAL**

EP.20.182 Information Regarding CR/NC Requests Received

V. **ITEM APPROVED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY**

EP.20.35 iSchool Second Level Approval of New Courses 11/18/2019

VI. **ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD TO 2020-2021**

EP.20.12 Review Bylaws Part D.8 - Educational Policy Committee and Standing Rule 13 - Formation, Termination, Separation, Transfer, Merger, Change in Status, or Renaming of Units

EP.20.43 Establishing Minimum Hours for Joint Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree

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