Senate Committee on Educational Policy  
Monday, October 4, 2004  

Minutes

Present: Abbas Aminmansour (Chair), Hassen Al-Shawaf, Loren Bode, Karen Carney (ex officio), Derek Chan, Bettina M. Francis, Phillip Geil, Joseph Goldberg, Eve Harwood (ex officio), Keith Marshall (observer), Dick Mintel, Dan Peterson, Alice Poehls (ex officio designee), H. F. Williamson, Chet Zych (ex officio designee)

Absent: Matthew Ando, Karen Chapman-Novakofski, Michele Crockett, Faye Lesht (ex officio), Nina Tarr, Laura Tyler, Ruth V. Watkins (ex officio designee)

Guests: Ron Chambers, Wojtek Chodzko-Zajko (Head, Kinesiology), Bo Fernhall, Tanya Gallagher (Dean of ALS), Peter Loeb (Chair, Academic Freedom and Tenure), Edward McAuley, Karin Rosenblatt, Guy Snyder

A regular meeting of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy convened at 1:15 p.m. in Room 232 of the English Building with Chair Abbas Aminmansour presiding.

I. Approval of the Minutes of the Meetings of September 13 and September 20, 2004

The minutes of the meetings of September 13 was approved as written. In the minutes of September 20, a change was made under Committee C, EP.04.44: “Geil raised several questions: some titles are misnamed; ARTH 111 and ARTH 112 are required and not an option for Teacher Education program only.” The minutes of September 20, 2004 were approved as amended.

II. Remarks of the Chair

Chair Aminmansour reported that the Task Groups for Review of Guidelines for the Academic Calendar has met and is considering a number of possible calendar scenarios; the Provost’s Office has contributed information that has been very enlightening to the Task Group. He asked the committee members to forward any comments to him and said he would keep everyone posted as to its progress.

III. Old Business

EP.04.38, Proposal from ALS to Merge the Department of Community Health and the Department of Kinesiology. Chair Aminmansour gave a quick history behind this proposal reporting that a task force chaired by Susan Fowler, Dean of the College of Education, had initially discussed the possibility of merging the departments of Community Health and Kinesiology and recommended to merge the two units. The recommendation received support from an overwhelming number of the voting faculty from Community Health and Kinesiology. The ALS College Executive Committee unanimously supported the proposal as well. A much publicized Public Hearing was held on April 28, 2004 giving ample opportunity for all interested parties to express their thoughts. The Hearing was publicized via email and flyers to all members of the College, announcements at the Senate meetings, and through advertisements in the Daily Illini. Anyone could share their thoughts or concerns with the Committee through speaking at the Public Hearing; sending confidential emails to Senate@uiuc.edu or confidential letters to the Committee Chair or Ch-Chair. The Committee received about 160 pages of feedback in the form of letters and email messages which were accumulated in two confidential documents and shared with the Committee members. Aminmansour reported that last year’s Senate Committee on Educational Policy approved the proposal with the condition that it be reviewed by this year’s Committee before going to the Senate. Aminmansour said he wanted everyone to feel comfortable with this proposal when it is forwarded to the Senate. After a short discussion, a motion was made and seconded to re-affirm previous year’s Committee recommendation to approve Proposal EP.04.38.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

Subcommittees:

Subcommittee B
EP.05.03. Proposal from the Colleges of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences; Applied Life Studies; Business; Education; and Engineering to establish a Leadership Minor  Bode questioned whether or not this proposal had been reviewed by faculty governance as well as Administration. Marshall reported that the proposal had been originated by a campus committee and it was presumed that it had passed through faculty governance. The Chair mentioned that Kirby Barrick had not yet forwarded a revised proposal. Marshall will contact Dean Barrick and inquire as to this concern.

IV. New Business
None

V. Pending Items
EP.05.06. Midterm grade Issues  The Committee is waiting for information from the Provost's Office so that it may make an informed conclusion on this issue.

Subcommittees:
Subcommittee C

EP.04.40. Proposed Changes to the Code pertaining to “Institutional Credit” and “Transfer Credit”  The Subcommittee is still reviewing this issue.

VI. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Diana Morris, Secretary
Senate Committee on Educational Policy