Minutes

Present: Abbas Aminmansour (Chair), Loren Bode, Phillip Geil, Natasha Jankowski, David Kovacic, Kristi Kuntz (ex officio designee), John Marden, Sarah Projansky, Chris Roegege (ex officio), Laird Thompson, Kevin Waspi, Peg Wherry (ex officio)

Absent: Jeffrey Brawn, Ted Dimiropoulos, Gregory Hart, Susan Lamb, Carol Malmgren (observer), Keith Marshall (ex officio), Michael Perkins, Mary Ramsbottom (ex officio), Mark Rood, Kelly Tappenden, Kenneth Watkin

Guests: Ann Mester, Associate Dean, LAS Administration; Lucy Rich, Assistant Dean, LAS Administration

A regular meeting of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy convened at 1:10 p.m. in Room 232 of the English Building with Chair Abbas Aminmansour presiding.

I. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of February 4, 2008 were approved as distributed.

II. Remarks of the Chair, Reports and Announcements

Chair Aminmansour noted that next Senate meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 25; the next day, Tuesday the 26, is the Public Hearing to discuss proposals EP.08.29 and EP.08.30, for reorganization of African American Studies and Research Program and the Program for the Study of Religion both in the College of LAS.

III. Reports from the Provost’s Office and Graduate College

On behalf of the Provost’s office, Kuntz reported that the Colleges of COMM and AHS have requested administrative approval for the following changes:

College of COMM — The college currently requires all majors to complete a minimum of 30 hours of coursework (199 and higher) taught by the college. They have requested to increase the minimum to 36 hours but will allow all courses taught by the college. This provides more flexibility and is reasonable given that the college now serves freshmen and sophomores.

College of AHS, Athletic Training curriculum — Currently, students choose one course from KIN 247, PSYC 216 or 238. They would like to remove the choice in courses and require that all students take KIN 247. KIN 247 also counts for another requirement which allows another 3 hours of electives for these students. If they choose 216 and 238, they end up taking an additional course.

Aminmansour asked if Committee members had any questions or comments about these administrative approvals. There were none.

Kuntz referred to EP.08.41, proposal to rename the BA in Speech Communication as the BA in Communication, College of LAS and clarified that its cover letter did not correspond with the actual name of the proposal.

IV. Old Business

Subcommittees

Subcommittee A

EP.08.35, Proposal from the Graduate College to establish a concentration in Analytics in the Master’s Degree in Statistics — Bode reported that there is some confusion between this proposal and EP.08.48, Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of LAS to revise the Master of Science Degree in Statistics and he proposed that they be discussed together. Marden presented an overview and pointed out that the resource issue has been addressed; he moved approval on both proposals.

Proposals EP.0835 and EP.08.48 were unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.
Subcommittee B

EP.08.31, Establish the Center for Human Resource Management (CHRM), Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations (ILIR) and the College of Business UIUC and the College of Business Administration UIC  Geil reported that the requested revisions have been circulated and he recommended approval. The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

Subcommittee C

EP.08.37, Establish a minor in Agricultural Safety and Health, College of ACES  Projansky noted that requested revisions have been made by the department; the Statement for the catalog was removed and letters of support have been included. She moved for approval as revised.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

The Chair took the opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work in getting revisions to the Senate; he particularly thanked the Secretary and the Subcommittee Chairs.

V. New Business

Subcommittee A

EP.08.41, Rename the BA in Speech Communication as the BA in Communication, College of LAS  Bode thought this proposal to be straightforward and moved for approval. The Chair suggested minor editorial changes.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

EP.08.48, Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of LAS to revise the Master of Science Degree in Statistics  See Item IV.

EP.08.49, Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of ENGR to revise the Graduate Degree names from Agricultural Engineering to Agricultural and Biological Engineering and EP.08.50, Revise the Undergraduate Degree Program Name from Agricultural Engineering to Agricultural and Biological Engineering, College of ENG  Bode noted that these two proposals have been written to change the degree names to concur with the Department’s name change; he recommended approval.

Both proposals were unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

Subcommittee B

EP.08.44, Proposal from the Graduate College and College of BUS to establish a Major in taxation in the Master of Science Program in the Department of Accountancy  Geil thought this proposal to be straightforward and moved approval as submitted.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

EP.08.45, Proposal from the Graduate College and the Gender and women’s Studies Program to establish a Graduate Minor in Gender and Women’s Studies  Geil noted that the department had corrected the typographical errors and revised the Statement on advising; he recommended approval on the circulated revisions.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

EP.08.51, Establish an undergraduate major in Athletic Training in the Department of Kinesiology and Community Health, College of AHS  Geil reported that the subcommittee has requested revisions for the Statement for Programs of Study Catalog; he recommended approval on receipt of the revisions. Kuntz pointed out that the Library is still reviewing the proposal for budgetary implications.

The proposal was unanimously approved pending receipt of revisions and clarification of budgetary implications.

Subcommittee C

EP.08.42, Revise the undergraduate curriculum in Kinesiology, College of AHS and EP.08.43, Revise the undergraduate curriculum in Community Health, College of AHS  After some discussion, a motion was made for approval.

Proposals EP.08.42 and EP.08.43 were unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.
EP.08.46, Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of LAS to revise the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Slavic Languages and Literatures and EP.08.47, Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of LAS to revise the Master of Arts Degree in Slavic Languages and Literatures. Projansky reported that these proposals are updates to correspond with what is actually taught; she recommended approval pending receipt of some editorial changes.

Both proposals were unanimously approved pending receipt of revisions.

VI. Pending Items

Subcommittee A

EP.08.26, Proposal from the College of Business’ Academy for Entrepreneurial Leadership to Establish an Undergraduate Minor in Entrepreneurship. Bode reported that he was expecting the revisions from the department by the end of the month.

Subcommittee B

EP.08.29, Reorganize the African American Studies and Research Program to the Department of African American Studies, College of LAS and EP.08.30, Reorganize the Program for the Study of Religion to the Department of Religion, College of LAS. The Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, February 26 at 11:00 a.m. in the Lucy Ellis Lounge, Foreign Language Building. Thompson asked what members might gather from attending the Hearing. The Chair explained that it will be a good opportunity to see what is on people’s minds, to be more informed.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Diana Morris, Secretary
Senate Committee on Educational Policy