Present:    Abbas Aminmansour (Chair), Loren Bode, Phillip Geil, Natasha Jankowski, David Kovacic, Kristi Kuntz (ex officio designee), John Marden, Sarah Projansky, Mary Ramsbottom (ex officio), Chris Roegee (ex officio), Mark Rood, Kelly Tappenden, Laird Thompson, Amelia Wallrich, Kevin Waspi, Kenneth Watkin (ex officio), Mark Rood, Kelly Tappenden, Laird Thompson, Amelia Wallrich, Kevin Waspi, Kenneth Watkin (ex officio), Chris Roegee (ex officio), Mark Rood, Kelly Tappenden, Laird Thompson, Amelia Wallrich, Kevin Waspi, Kenneth Watkin (ex officio)

Absent:    Jeffrey Brawn, Carol Malmgren (observer), Keith Marshall (ex officio)

Guests:    Joel Cutcher-Gershenfeld, Dean, Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations (ILIR); DeDe Fairchild Ruggles, Professor, Landscape Architecture

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 April 7, 2008 were approved as distributed.

II. Remarks of the Chair, Reports and Announcements
Chair Aminmansour pointed out that this meeting would be the last one of the year. The last Senate meeting for 2007-2008 is scheduled for two weeks from today (April 28, 2008); any proposals approved at today’s meeting must be in the Senate office by noon tomorrow, if they were to be placed on the April 28 Senate agenda. Aminmansour expressed his appreciation for the Committee’s hard work. He said that he found this to be an extraordinary group, felt fortunate to be able to work with the subcommittee chairs and a privilege and honor to work with everyone. To those members who are continuing, he looks forward to seeing them again; to those whose terms expire, he expressed thanks and hopes they will see fit to return some day. He indicated that a new EP.08.63 has just been introduced, a sheet cake sporting the reference number, will be shared later in the meeting.

III. Updates from the Provost’s Office and Graduate College
On behalf of the Provost’s office, Kuntz had nothing new to report.

Dean Tappenden reported that this past year the Graduate College has been working on a substantial project in regard to Program of Study Statements. Although the statements are updated every year by the Provost’s office, some appear to be inconsistent and should be standardized among units. Tappenden indicated that Mary Lowry has been meeting with the individual units to determine a consistent format. On behalf of the Committee, Chair Aminmansour thanked Tappenden and her staff for their work on this endeavor.

IV. New Business

Subcommittee A

EP.08.52, Proposal from the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations to rename the Institute as the School of Labor and Employment Relations    Aminmansour noted that a Public Hearing to rename the Institute was held last Tuesday, April 8. Bode reported that Dean Cutcher-Gershenfeld has answered all of the Subcommittee’s questions and it is happy with the revisions. Dean Cutcher-Gershenfeld indicated that he appreciates the Hearing process and found the questions that were raised to be constructive and helpful. He also said that he appreciates the care at which the EPC operates across these many domains. Bode moved for approval as revised; Tappenden seconded the motion.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate as revised.

EP.08.61, Rename the B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering to the B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. in Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering, College of ENGR    Bode reported that he found the proposal to be straightforward; conversely, the minutes from the meeting of the College of Engineering Executive Committee are not necessary and should be removed. Bode moved approval.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.
Subcommittee B

EP.08.58, Proposed Revisions to the BALAS in Spanish, College of LAS  Geil reported that there had been some confusion as to coursework; however, students in the major do receive preference. He recommended approval.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

EP.08.59, Proposed Revisions to the Undergraduate Minor in Spanish, College of LAS  Geil recommended approval of the Minor as revised.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

Subcommittee C

EP.08.60, Rename the Department of, and all degrees from, Speech and Hearing Science to department of Speech, Hearing and Language Sciences, College of AHS  Projansky indicated that a new Program of Study Statement would be forthcoming and moved for approval.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

V. Old Business

Subcommittee A

EP.08.26, Proposal from the College of Business’ Academy for Entrepreneurial Leadership to Establish an Undergraduate Minor in Entrepreneurship  Bode indicated that this proposal has been pending since last fall; he circulated a new set of revisions he had just received over e-mail earlier today. The sponsor maintains that even though there is a high demand for courses, all students will receive classes and the “lottery” is the best way to accomplish this. Ramsbottom still has reservations about the availability of ECON 399 and SPAN 202; she thought it necessary to think ahead, be sensitive to the student and not just assume that these courses will be available. Wallrich thought that the sponsor’s “lottery” approach does not reflect the professional intent of the University. Bode recommended holding this proposal until next fall. Committee members agreed to this recommendation.

Subcommittee B

EP.08.56, Proposal from the Graduate College to establish a Graduate Minor in Heritage Studies  Geil referenced a meeting with the sponsor, Kovacic and Aminmansour and reported that all concerns have been answered and the proposal revised; the reference to cross-listed courses has been removed. Also, clarification was made as to the instruction of electives, to be taught by faculty members in both landscape and anthropology. Geil moved for approval.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate as revised.

Subcommittee C

EP.08.57, Establishment of an Undergraduate Minor in Scandinavian Studies, College of LAS  Projansky reported that she is in receipt of suggested revisions; the 20 hour requirement for the Minor has been revised to read 18-22 units; she made a motion to approve.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

VI. Pending Items

No items were pending.

VII. Adjournment

Aminmansour referenced the hard work of Committee Secretary Diana Morris and said how grateful he was for her professional, prompt and reliable actions as well as her wisdom, experience and advice. (These comments added to the minutes by Chair Aminmansour). The members agreed it was time to move on to EP.08.63, the cake. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.