Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Monday, August 27, 2007

Minutes

Present: Abbas Aminmansour (Chair), Loren Bode, Jeffrey Brawn, Phillip Geil, Andrew Hamilton, David Kovacic, Kristi Kuntz (ex officio designee), Susan Lamb, Carol Malmgren (observer), John Marden, Keith Marshall (ex officio), Michael Perkins, Sarah Projansky, Mary Ramsbottom (ex officio), Chris Roegge (ex officio), Kelly Tappenden, Laird Thompson, Kevin Waspi, Kenneth Watkin, Peg Wherry (ex officio)

Absent: Ted Dimiropoulos, Justin Randall, Ryan Robinson, Mark Rood

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. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Aminmansour welcomed both new and returning Committee members and asked that each take a turn in introducing themselves.

II. Approval of the Minutes

The Chair reminded members that the Minutes of April 16, 2007 had been previous approved via e-mail as amended.

III. Remarks of the Chair, Reports and Announcements

Aminmansour presented a review of the Committee charge; the EPC is responsible for the initial review of proposals for new curriculum and programs, whereby the Senate makes the final determination. The EPC recommends approval to the Senate; for some proposals the process ends there whereby some go on to the Board of Trustees or even to the IBHE for final approval. There are some minor changes that are approved administratively through the Provost’s Office. The Chair encouraged members to attend meetings and invited all and any input. The Committee is divided into three subcommittees; subcommittee chairs were introduced as follows: Loren Bode, Subcommittee A; Phil Geil, Subcommittee B; and Susan Lamb, Subcommittee C.

The Chair turned the floor over to Kristi Kuntz for an update on administrative decisions made recently by the Provost’s office. Kuntz reported the following approvals:

- **LAS**—Revision to the undergraduate minor in Mathematics
  
  Add MATH 410, MATH 416, Math 487 and STAT 420/MATH 469 to lists in which students select five courses from five categories. Remove MATH 421 and MATH 466 both courses have been discontinued. In addition, MATH 348 and MATH 380 have been removed as options from the lists.

- **LAS**—Revision to the undergraduate major in Economics
  
  Change "18 additional hours in economics including ECON 302 & 303" to "18 additional hours in economics at the 300 and 400 level including ECON 302 & 303."

- **FAA**—Revisions to the Bachelor of Arts in Urban Planning
  
  Require that students take UP 408, Law and Planning. Currently students may take UP 108 or UP 408; UP 108 will no longer be an option. Increase the total number of departmental elective hours from 9 to 12. The result of this change is that students would have fewer free electives.

- **FAA**—Drop EPSY 236 from the General Music Education emphasis.
  
  The content in EPSY 236 is redundant with EPSY 201, MUS 342 and MUS 343. The additional three hours would be moved to electives. Only two students in this curriculum have taken this course in its last two offerings. The Council of Teacher Education has administratively approved the change as well.
LAS—Actuarial Science major.

Replace MATH 410 with MATH 415 and remove MATH 466 from a list of courses in which students select a single course. MATH 410 is an improved version of MATH 415, specifically designed for Actuarial Science students. MATH 466 has been discontinued and 4 courses remain on the list of available choices.

LAS—Mathematics and Computer Science curriculum and Statistics and Computer Science curriculum.

The department has revised CS 241 to carry an additional hour of credit. This request reflects the increase of 1 in total hours required for the majors. Math/CS now requires 68-70 hours and Stat/CS now requires 71-72 hours. Students will lose 1 hour of elective freedom.

ACES—For all Horticulture majors reduce the number of required hours of Social and Behavioral Science from 9 to 6.

The additional hours will be used as free electives. In addition, drop NRES 426 which is no longer offered. The course was in a list of three possible options.

ACES—Change to the Urban Forestry concentration in the Horticulture major.

Drop NRES 329 which is no longer offered and require both NRES 416 and NRES 419. Previously students were able to take 416 OR 419.

ACES—Changes to the Quantitative Methods minor.

The lists are long but they are only suggesting additions or deletions to 'choose from lists.' 'One Math course selected from:' Delete MATH 342, MATH 343 and MATH 345 (due to calculus restructuring). Add MATH 231. 'One applied modeling course selected from:' Delete NRES 446 (no longer offered). Add NRES 422, ANSC 448, GEOG 467 and MSE 482. 'One or more courses selected from:' Add NRES 510, ACE 516, 564 & 566, ANSC 446, CS 445, MATH 225, 415 & 441 and SOC 581.

IV. Old Business

No old business was reported.

V. New Business

Subcommittees

Subcommittee A

EP.08.01, Proposal from the Graduate College to revise the Master of Education (Ed.M.) and Master of Science (M.S.) Degree Programs in Human Resource Education, Department of Human Resource Education, College of EDUC Bode noted that he had contacted the department regarding discrepancies in requirement hours; apparently it has been the practice to make revisions to credit hours without the approval of the Senate. This has opened up some discussion; hence, the department will make the appropriate revisions and forward those back to our committee.

EP.08.02, Request to terminate the Teacher Education Minor in Art Education, College of FAA and EP.08.03, Request to terminate the Teacher Education Minor in Urban Studies, Department of urban & Regional Planning, College of FAA Bode reported that the subcommittee had shared no concerns on these two proposals; he noted that Chet Zych has signed off on both of these which he thought to be a good indication. He found the proposals straightforward and recommended approval.

Proposals EP.08.02 and EP.08.03 were unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

Subcommittee B

EP.08.04, Proposal to establish an Undergraduate Minor in Statistics, College of LAS Geil reported that his only concern was found on the second page of the proposal, the first paragraph. Mester clarified the paragraph in question and agreed that it was roughly written. Watkin questioned if there were any possible effects to the Library; Mester saw none since there are only fifteen or less students in the program per year. Geil recommended approval pending receipt of departmental revisions; Marden seconded the motion.
The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

EP.08.05, Proposal to request the merger of the Division of English as an International Language and the Department of Linguistics into a newly configured Department of Linguistics, College of LAS Geil reported that while he had no concerns, he thought it appropriate that this merger require a public hearing.

Subcommittee C

EP.08.06, Proposal to establish a Financial Planning Concentration within the B.S. Degree Program in the Department of Agricultural & Consumer Economics, College of ACES Lamb reported that Subcommittee C had not yet had a chance to discuss the proposals assigned; therefore, she asked her subcommittee to meet together after this meeting. She thought this proposal could bring about potential conflict with the Department of Finance and noted that she and her subcommittee would need to take a closer look. Dean Rich noted an editorial change to the Agenda; this proposal is from the College of ACES, not the College of LAS.

EP.08.07, Proposal from the Graduate College to establish a Master of Science in Technology Management, College of BUS Lamb noted that the Subcommittee would be reviewing this proposal after the meeting; she invited all EPC members to provide any input.

VI. Pending Items (Waiting to hear from sponsors.)

EP.06.32, Proposed guidelines for Multi-Institutional Degrees (USC OT-218), letter from Elliot R. Kaufman, Chair of University Senates Conference The Chair reported that Kelly Tappenden’s subcommittee on Guidelines for Multi-Institutional Degrees met over the summer and will share its proposed Guidelines at our meeting on September 17; following approval by the EPC, the Guidelines will then be forwarded to the Senate for approval. Aminmansour thanked Tappenden for leading this effort.

VII. Adjournment

The EPC will hold its next meeting on September 10 at which time Charles Evans will speak to the committee on the Global Campus. The Global Campus online education program is planned to launch January 2008. Courses are scheduled to begin January 2 for two degree programs (a bachelor’s in nursing and master’s in education) and two graduate certificate programs in online learning.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Diana Morris, Secretary
Senate Committee on Educational Policy