Minutes

Present: Abbas Aminmansour (Chair), Loren Bode, Jeffrey Brawen, Phillip Geil, Natasha Jankowski, David Kovacic, Kristi Kuntz (ex officio designee), Susan Lamb, John Marden, Carol Malmgren (observer), Sarah Projansky, Mary Ramsbottom (ex officio), Chris Roegge (ex officio), Kelly Tappenden, Laird Thompson, Kevin Waspi, Peg Wherry (ex officio)

Absent: Ted Dimiropoulos, Gregory Hart, Keith Marshall (ex officio), Michael Perkins, Ryan Robinson, Mark Rood, Kenneth Watkin

Guests: Carol Livingstone, Associate Provost for Management Information; Ann Mester, Associate Dean, LAS Administration; Lucy Rich, Assistant Dean, LAS Administration

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

I. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of November 12, 2007 were approved as distributed.

II. Remarks of the Chair, Reports and Announcements

The Chair noted that the last Senate meeting of the semester is scheduled for one week from today, December 3. The two proposals referred back to this committee by the Senate at its November meeting (EP.08.08, Renaming of the Library Research Center and EP.0814, Minor in American Indian Studies) are back on the Senate agenda for December 3. Neither the Chair nor the sponsor of the Center name change has heard further from the individual who raised objections on the Senate floor.

Chair Aminmansour referred to two memos (handouts) from Mark Roszkowski where he has expressed concerns related to the current Academic Calendar and to the policies governing the Calendar. Aminmansour noted that some of the points made by Roszkowski were previously discussed; however, out of respect to Roszkowski and his suggestions, these concerns will be considered.

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

Kuntz reported that the College of FAA has requested administrative approval for the following change:

Dance majors are currently required to complete 6 hours of performance which must include DANC 435. The department has requested that DANC 435 be removed as a required component. Majors will still need to complete 6 hours but they will now have the flexibility to choose performance courses from a broader range of options.

IV. Old Business

EP.08.21, Rename the College of Communications as the College of Media Arts and Sciences, College of COMM

Chair Aminmansour reported that although this proposal is on the Senate agenda for its meeting on December 3, he recently received a letter from Ronald Yates, Dean of the College of Communications, requesting that it be withdrawn. The College wishes to withdraw the proposal in order that it may be modified and resubmitted to this committee. Lamb made a motion that the proposal be withdrawn; Projansky seconded the motion.

The decision to withdraw proposal EP.08.21 from the Senate agenda for December 3 was unanimously approved.

Lamb brought up questions as to the administrative handling anticipated by the recent change of the Department of Communication and the impending name change of the College of Communications; Kuntz assured her that the Provost’s office would handle the implementation of these changes appropriately.

V. New Business

Subcommittees

Subcommittee A

EP.08.23, Proposal from the Graduate College and Veterinary Clinical Medicine to establish a non-thesis option for Master of Science students in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine  Bode thought this proposal to be
well-done, but said he had pondered the purpose of a non-thesis option as he found the requirements to be somewhat the same. Tappenden noted that the Graduate College Executive Committee had contemplated this as well; however, this relates primarily to clinical faculty. After some discussion, Bode recommended approval as submitted.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

**EP.08.26, Proposal from the College of Business’ Academy for Entrepreneurial Leadership to Establish an Undergraduate Minor in Entrepreneurship**  Bode reported that although this is an extensive proposal, it is still not complete. He met recently with the sponsor, Professor Hollis and shared some of his concerns. This is a campus-wide minor and while Hollis has gathered and documented support from across campus, it is a two-track minor that requires a list of courses approved to meet elective requirements for both tracks. Bode will continue to work with Hollis on finalizing this proposal.

**Subcommittee B**

**EP.08.22, Revision to the B.S. in Elementary Education, College of Education**  Geil reported that the subcommittee had several questions, but these have since been answered by the department; he moved for approval.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

**EP.08.24, Proposal from the Graduate College to establish a Graduate Minor in Latina/Latino Studies**  Geil reported that he had forwarded some concerns to the proposal’s sponsor, but had not yet received a reply.

**EP.08.27, Revision of the Undergraduate Major in the Sciences and Letters Curriculum in Speech Communication, College of LAS**  After a short discussion, Geil made a motion for approval; Kuntz noted that there will be subsequent proposals coming through for Speech Communication.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

**Subcommittee C**

**EP.08.25, Proposal from the Graduate College and College of LAW to establish a joint degree program in Law and Philosophy (J.D./Ph.D.)**  Lamb reported that she found this proposal well-written; however, because of the holidays, not everyone on the subcommittee had an opportunity to review. She also noted the frequency of course double-dipping. Tappenden explained that 12-hours of double-dipping is standard, this proposal is asking for 16-hours; the policy is not being changed but the Graduate is making an exception. After a short discussion, Tappenden agreed to write a letter documenting this exception.

**EP.08.28, Establish an Undergraduate Minor in Communication, College of LAS**  Lamb noted that reference to impact on the Library had been omitted; she thought there was a need to fill in several gaps. Geil questioned that only 11 of the required courses are optional.

**VI. Pending Items**

No items are pending at this time.

**VII. Adjournment**

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

Diana Morris, Secretary
Senate Committee on Educational Policy