Minutes

Present: Abbas Aminmansour (Chair), Loren Bode, Jeffrey Brawn, Phillip Geil, Natasha Jankowski, Jason Kosovski (ex officio designee), Faye Lesht (ex officio), Carol Malmgren (observer), Keith Marshall (ex officio), Gay Y. Miller, Lucy Rich (ex officio), Chris Roegge (ex officio), Kelly Tappenden, Kevin Waspi

Absent: Emily Ganschinietz, Michael A. Krassa, Gary McPherson, Steve Michael, Mark Rood, David Strauser, Jeffrey Thibert, Amelia Wallrich, Nicholas Yannelis

Guests: Carol Livingstone, Associate Provost for Management Information; Ann Mester, Associate 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 the meeting of November 10, 2008 were approved as distributed.

II. Remarks of the Chair, Reports and Announcements

Chair Aminmansour reported that after today Loren Bode would be away from Campus until March; meanwhile, Gay Miller has agreed to serve as chair of Subcommittee A in his absence. The Chair also introduced Jason Kosovski who will be representing the Provost’s Office while Kristi Kuntz is on maternity leave.

Aminmansour referred to the one item currently listed under Pending Items (EP.08.26, Proposal from the College of Business for Entrepreneurial Leadership to Establish an Undergraduate Minor in Entrepreneurship) and reported that while Bode had communicated our concerns to the sponsor, we have not yet received changes. The Chair noted that he will be meeting with the Dean and the proposal sponsors in the future to move this proposal forward.

Chair Aminmansour reported that at its last meeting, the Board of Trustees (BOT) tabled approval of Policy for Consideration of Multi-Institutional Degree Programs as well as the proposal for a ChBE multi-institutional Ph.D. degree program with the National University of Singapore. He noted that there is a possibility that these will be approved before the next BOT meeting.

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) held a discussion in January with President White, and Trustees Carroll and Schmidt regarding the Global campus of which Aminmansour participated via conference call. The SEC was to prepare a statement of concerns which may become a public document. He also added that the Provost had a special meeting with SEC to discuss the latest on the budget situation. Two items that the committee may explore in the future are Degree Completion and Certificates.

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

On behalf of the Provost’s Office, Chair Aminmansour reported several requests for administrative approvals.

Course Revision, BFA in Crafts, College of FAA

ARTS 220 – Glass has been eliminated from the curriculum due to loss of faculty expertise. The course is required for the Ceramics concentration as well as the Metals concentration. Students pursuing Ceramics will now take ARTS 260, Basic Photography and those in Metals will take ARTS 310, Ceramics Sculpture II (they already take ARTS 210, Ceramics Sculpture I). Both changes are credit neutral.

Revision to Minor in American Indian Studies, College of LAS

The Program in American Indian Studies wishes to remove AIS 341 and AIS 495 from the list of possible courses for the undergraduate minor. AIS 341 (Native Peoples and Christianity) is now controlled by Religious Studies. AIS 495 has been renumbered as AIS 501 and will be used toward the proposed graduate minor. Both courses were options in the Culture, Identity,
Ethics, and Community subject area. Students are required to take 12 hours from 3 of the 4 subject areas.

Revision to Engineering Physics Curriculum, College of ENGR

The department wishes to require PHYS 403 (Modern Experimental Physics) for all students in the Professional Physics Option. The course has improved significantly over the last several years and faculty members feel it merits inclusion. A survey of peer institutions shows that most require a modern physics lab for major planning to go on to Graduate School. The change will reduce the total number of available free electives for students from 23-29 to 18-39.

Revision to Food Science and Human Nutrition major/Dietetics concentration, College of ACES

The department wishes to add FSHN 421 (Pediatric Clinical Nutrition to the list of courses acceptable as professional electives.

Animal Sciences, College of ACES

The department wishes to add ANSC 406 (Zoo Animal Conservation Science) to all four concentrations. In each case, the course will be added to an existing list of courses in which a student takes a prescribed number of courses.

Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences (NRES)

The department wishes to discontinue NRES 322 (Wood Utilization and Anatomy) and remove the course from the Forest Science concentration as the instructor has left the University. Students will be allowed to fill the remaining hours with an elective which will provide some flexibility.

The College of ACES has requested administrative approval for the following:

BS in Animal Science

Animal business, Management and Industry Concentration — Add ANSC 206 and (ANSC 207 OR ANSC 250) to the course list in which students choose 3 courses.

Companion, Recreational and Laboratory Concentration — Add ANSC 250 to the course list in which students choose 4 courses.

Food Animal Science Concentration

Add ANSC 206 and (ANSC 207 OR ANSC 250) to the course list in which students choose 3 courses.

Science, Biotechnology and Pre-Veterinary Medicine Concentration — Add ANSC 250 to the course list in which students choose a course.

All of the courses mentioned above are either new or revised and now have content relevant to the major.

The College of Applied Health Sciences

Revisions to the core and concentrations in the Speech and Hearing Science curriculum; changes have already been done to the Programs of Study Catalog.

Geil expressed concerns regarding the College of Fine and Applied Arts’ request for course revision to the BFA in Crafts. He questioned the sense of teaching photography as a replacement for an art class to students in a ceramic concentration. The Chair noted that since there is no one available to teach the original course, the department has used the best of its judgment to select the closest substitute. He asked the Committee if this deserve further consideration; he pointed out that he trusts those making such decisions. Also, he wants to make it fairly easy and straightforward for departments to report changes to their curricula, otherwise they may tend to make changes without notifying us.

The Committee was agreeable to all of the changes except that of the College of Applied Health Sciences; the sponsor will be asked to submit a proposal for its changes.

Dean Tappenden reported for the Graduate College as follows.

- The Graduate College has a new Dean; Debasish Dutta who came to the University from Michigan and has experience with NIC.
Revisions to the Tuition Waiver Policy are in discussions; several recommendations have been made.

1) Change from 25 percent to 33 percent; will affect small percentage of students
2) Allow disciplinary deans to limit appointments
3) Ensure that fellowships from foundations include tuition
4) Close loop on courtesy waivers
5) Start charging tuition for gift money remission
6) Reduce tuition waivers to 50 percent for staff

A Doctoral Programs Survey is currently being conducted; results will be released in a couple of months.

IV. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

V. New Business

Subcommittee A

EP.09.38, Terminate the undergraduate minor in Manufacturing Engineering, College of ENGR

Bode reported that all questions regarding this proposal have been resolved. There is currently only one student; therefore there is good justification for termination. He moved for approval; Brawn seconded the motion.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

EP.09.39, Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of ACES to establish a Food Science graduate concentration and a Human Nutrition graduate concentration in the MS and PhD in Food Science and Human Nutrition

Bode reported that he had talked to the department regarding the temporary course numbers listed in this proposal as he is not comfortable with that many new courses. He has a letter from the department head to confirm that they are currently preparing documentation to submit to the Provost for approval for new course numbers. Also, the Program of Study statement is only available by referring to the handbook. The proposal allows for two concentrations; Bode questioned if it should be two degrees. The Chair suggested the Committee wait for the answers to these questions before taking a vote for approval.

EP.09.40, Proposal from the Graduate College and the School of Social Work to establish an Advanced Standing entry option for the MSW

Bode acknowledged that he had no experience with “advanced standing;” however, he thought this proposal will be very beneficial to students. Also, the sponsor has forwarded a revised Program of Study statement. He made a motion to approve.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

EP.09.49, Revise an interdisciplinary undergraduate minor in Jewish Culture and Society, College of LAS

Lesht pointed out that these revisions are again the result of a faculty member leaving the University and the department is unable to offer a course. Since this was just discussed in a previous proposal, she asked if this was to become a trend. The Chair noted that finding instructors is up to the departments; he thought it accidental that there are two proposals with such an issue under discussion in the same day. After a short discussion of interdisciplinary minors, Bode moved for approval.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

EP.09.51, Discontinue the undergraduate minor in Fiber Science, College of ACES and EP.09.52, Discontinue the Individually Planned Curricula concentration in the BS in Agricultural and Consumer Economics, College of ACES

Bode thought both proposals to be straight-forward; therefore, he recommended approval as submitted.

Both proposals were unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

Subcommittee B

EP.09.33, Redesignate the BALAS in International Studies as the BALAS in Global Studies, College of LAS

Geil reported that he has forwarded questions to the sponsor but has not yet received a reply. He moved for approval contingent on receipt of appropriate language clarification.
After a short discussion, the proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate pending receipt of revisions.

EP.09.36, Proposal from the Graduate College & College of ACES to transfer Horticulture Program currently house in Dept. of Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences to Dept. of Crop Sciences. Geil reported that the Public Hearing had gone well and the proposal is straight-forward; therefore, he moved for approval.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

EP.09.46, Revise the BFA in Industrial Design, College of FAA Geil thought this proposal to be lacking some information, specifically comparisons and he has not heard back from the department.

EP.09.47, Revise the B.S. in Agricultural and Biological Engineering, College of ENGR, EP.09.48, Revise the Bachelor of Music in Jazz Performance, College of FAA and EP.09.53, Proposal from the Graduate College and College of VMED to redesignate the M.S. and Ph.D. in Veterinary Pathobiology as the M.S. and Ph.D. in Pathobiology Geil offered these as a package noting the latter is the result of a departmental name change; he made a motion to approve.

Proposals EP.09.47, EP.09.48 and EP.0953 were unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

Subcommittee C

EP.09.29, Proposal from the School of Labor and Employment Relations to establish an undergraduate minor in Global Labor Studies Jankowski explained that while the version of the proposal in possession of members did not appear to be complete, she has since received a new course list; therefore, she moved approval.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

EP.09.34, Redesignate the LAS International Studies minor as the Global Studies minor, College of LAS On behalf of the subcommittee, Jankowski recommended approval.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

EP.09.35, Proposal from the Graduate College & School of Social Work to modify the MSW degree Jankowski reported that the sponsor has forwarded revisions for clarification; therefore, she made a motion for approval as amended.

The proposal was unanimously approved as amended.

EP.09.50, Revise the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine curriculum, College of VMED Geil noted that the proposal proposed the hiring of 8 or 9 new faculty; he questioned if the financial aspect has been addressed. Malmgren said she would like to acknowledge the College for essentially working with her office on the clarification of the implementation of this program. The Chair reported that he had met with and discussed the proposal with the sponsors before it was submitted to the Provost’s Office. He had made a number of recommendations to the sponsors for their consideration. They included funding, the lumping of courses, and general notations on transcripts when students intending to work for the government must have documentation. On behalf of the subcommittee, Jankowski suggested tabling this proposal in order that she may contact the sponsor as to our questions.

EP.09.54, Proposal from the Graduate College and College of LAW to terminate the Masters of Comparative Law (M.C.L.) Degree Jankowski noted that there have not been any students in this program since 1984; therefore, she recommended approval.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

VI. Pending Items

Subcommittee A

EP.08.26, Proposal from the College of Business for Entrepreneurial Leadership to Establish an Undergraduate Minor in Entrepreneurship

VII. Adjournment

Chair Aminmansour announced that next week’s meeting would be cancelled if no additional proposals are forwarded to the Committee from the Provost’s office. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.