Approved as written.

Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Monday, August 25, 2008

Minutes

Present: Abbas Aminmansour (Chair), Loren Bode, Jeffrey Brawn, Phillip Geil, Natasha Jankowski, Michael A. Krassa, Kristi Kuntz (ex officio designee), Faye Lesht (ex officio), Casey Lewis, Carol Malmgren (observer), Keith Marshall (ex officio), Steve Michael, Mary Ramsbottom (ex officio), Chris Roegge (ex officio), Mark Rood, Jeff Schroeder, David Strauser, Angelica Vargas, Amelia Wallrich, Kevin Waspi, Nicholas Yannelis

Absent: Gary McPherson, Gay Y. Miller, Kelly Tappenden

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 1:10 p.m. in Room 232 of the English Building with Chair Abbas Aminmansour presiding.

I. Welcome

Chair Aminmansour welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked them to introduce themselves.

II. Remarks of the Chair, Reports and Announcements

Chair Aminmansour presented an overview of how the review process is conducted related to proposals for new programs. He also mentioned that the Student Slate of Nominations for membership on standing committees of the Senate was inadvertently not forwarded to the Senate for approval in April; therefore, student nominations will not be formally approved by the Senate until its meeting on October 6. He had hoped that the Senate Executive Committee would approve the slate in the Senate’s behalf; however, it has come to his attention that the SEC does not have the authority to do so. In the meantime, students are encouraged to attend meetings and participate in discussions, but only faculty may vote. It was also noted that ex officio members are non-voting members.

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

Ms. Kuntz will present an update on recent administrative approvals conducted by the Provost’s Office at the next meeting. However, she did announce that subsequent to the Public Hearing for the merging of the Unit for Cinema Studies (LAS) and the Program in Media Studies (COMM) into the Department of Media & Cinema Studies in the College of Media (EP.09.01), an additional three proposals will be presented to the EPC for its review.

IV. Old Business

There was no old business.

V. New Business

Subcommittee A

EP.09.01, Proposal from the Colleges of COMM and LAS to Merge the Unit for Cinema Studies (LAS) and Program in Media Studies (COMM) into the Department of Media & Cinema Studies in the College of Media

The Chair noted that this proposal calls for a broad reorganization; he has communicated with Dean Ron Yates and Professor Cliff Christians as to the criteria for conducting a Public Hearing. Aminmansour declared that there would be no in-depth discussion until after the Hearing. Bode asked members to forward any concerns to him prior to the Hearing.

EP.09.02, Revise the Requirements for the BALAS in Religion, College of LAS

It was noted that the title should read “Rename the BALAS in Religious Studies to the BALAS in Religion, College of LAS.” Kuntz will draft a new cover letter to reflect this. Bode liked that the proposal included a list of suggested revisions; however, he had questions related to the Statement for Programs of Study Catalog and to the 27 hours required within a concentration. Geil raised some questions regarding coursework. The Chair noted that there are issues to address and asked that any further discussion on this proposal be held until the next meeting.

EP.09.03, Establish a BALAS in Gender and Women’s Studies, College of LAS

After a short discussion, Bode moved for approval with minor changes.
The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

EP.09.04, Revise the BSLAS in Astronomy, College of LAS  Bode recommended approval as submitted.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

**Subcommittee B**

EP.09.05, Revise the Undergraduate Minor in Astronomy, College of LAS  Geil made a motion that this proposal be approved without modification; members voted unanimously for approval.

EP.09.06, Establish the Undergraduate Minor in Community-Based Art Education, College of FAA  Geil suggested corrections to the Minor’s role in leading and development. Mester thought the reference to “no child left behind” at the bottom of page one should be edited. Geil recommended approval pending receipt of changes from the department.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

EP.09.07, Establish the Undergraduate Minor in Community-Based Art Education, College of FAA  Geil suggested corrections to the Minor’s role in leading and development. Mester thought the reference to “no child left behind” at the bottom of page one should be edited. Geil recommended approval pending receipt of changes from the department.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

EP.09.08, Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of LAW to Establish a Master of Studies in Law  Geil reported that he questioned the proposal’s title, saw problems with internal allocations and also questioned budget implications.

**Subcommittee C**

EP.09.09, Revise the Stage Management Concentration in the BFA in Theatre, College of FAA  Jankowski said the subcommittee had no concerns about this proposal; therefore, she recommended approval.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

EP.09.10, Revise the BA in the Teaching of Spanish, College of LAS  Jankowski referred to some minor edits and recommended approval as amended.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

EP.09.11, Revise the Undergraduate Major in the Sciences & Letters Curriculum in Mathematics, College of LAS  Questions arose as to the title of the proposal, the honors curriculum, and reference to “graduate prep.” Geil saw major problems in the computation of coursework. Jankowski will contact the department for clarification.

EP.09.12, Proposal to Adopt New Grading Policies  The Committee talked about this proposal at length, and opted to discuss in greater detail at the next meeting.

**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 is hopeful that the sponsor of this proposal will forward revisions sometime next week.

**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  September 3, 2008 the Chair reported that the College of Applied Health Studies has withdrawn this proposal.

**VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Diana Morris, Secretary
Senate Committee on Educational Policy