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 August 25, 2008 were approved as written.

II. Remarks of the Chair, Reports and Announcements

Chair Aminmansour noted that although introductions were conducted at the last meeting, he wanted to introduce Kelly Tappenden who was not present at that time; he also announced that Lucy Rich has been appointed to replace Mary Ramsbottom as the A&A Deans Representative. He also acknowledged Dean Ramsbottom and thanked her for sharing her wisdom and insight the past year.

Aminmansour announced that a Public Hearing has been set for Wednesday, October 1 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. regarding 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 location is to be announced.

Preliminary discussions are in process to consider an office that would assist in facilitating, encouraging and overseeing any interdisciplinary activities at the campus level; this is currently done on an ad hoc basis.

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

On behalf of the Provost’s office, Kurtz reported that the Provost’s Office is in early discussions regarding the formal review for certificates. She also reported on several requests for administrative approvals from LAS as follows:

Revision to the BSLAS in Earth Systems, Environment and Society —

The ESES Curriculum Committee wishes to explicitly state that students may satisfy the basic chemistry, math and physics requirements by taking either the introductory course or the accelerated course.

Change “CHEM 102 and 103” to “CHEM 102 and 103 or CHEM 202 and 203

Change “MATH 220” to “MATH 220 or MATH 221”

Change “PHYS 101” to “PHYS 101 or PHYS 211”

Revision to the Undergraduate Minor in History —

The minor currently requires that students take HIST 200 in addition to 6 hours of HIST courses at the 300- or 400-level. They propose to drop HIST 200 as specific requirement and require that students take 9 hours of HIST courses at the 300- or 400-level. The department is simply unable to accommodate the demand for HIST 200.

Revision to the Specialized Curriculum in Chemical Engineering —

The Department of Chemical and Biomeolecular Engineering has requested that ENG 100 (a zero hour) be added to the required curriculum. This change brings the curriculum in line with the
programs in the College of Engineering. They have also asked to modify their entry in the Programs of Study Catalog to mirror the format used by the College of Engineering.

Dean Tappenden reported that the Graduate College Executive Committee and CEEED have not yet met; therefore, she had nothing to report.

IV. Old Business

Subcommittee A

EP.09.02, Revise the Requirements for the BALAS in Religion, College of LAS  Bode reported that the subcommittee is in receipt of proposal revisions; he recommended approval as revised.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

Subcommittee B

EP.09.08, Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of LAW to Establish a Master of Studies in Law  Geil reported that the accompanying letters mention the wrong title; however, revisions have been made to the financial information. He recommended approval pending receipt of a new letter.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

Subcommittee C

EP.09.11, Revise the Undergraduate Major in the Sciences & Letters Curriculum in Mathematics, College of LAS  Jankowski reported that there is some confusion as to the hours required in this proposal; the sponsor is in the process of revising.

EP.09.12, Proposal to Adopt New Grading Policies  Dean Ramsbottom reported that peer Institutions University of Iowa, Indiana University and the University of Minnesota do have a “replacement policy.” Dean Mester thought a new policy would require “piloting” for a couple of years. Waspì saw no “ground swell” with our peers to consider adopting new grading policies. He also noted that the EPC should consider the administrative ramifications; if the committee were to consider this proposal, he thought it would need more honest language. Michael suggested that the text “due to unusual circumstances” be removed from item 1 under justification. Dean Ramsbottom thought there would be very restricted use to such a policy. Strauser said he did not see the justification. Reporting from the student perspective, Jankowski thought this would mostly pertain to new or transfer students. Yannelis made a motion to approve with editorial changes; Tappenden seconded the motion.

The proposal was approved as amended to forward to the Senate (Yes: 7; No: 2). The Chair thanked those who worked over the summer on this proposal and everyone else for participating in the review process.

V. New Business

Subcommittee A

EP.09.13, Revision of the Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Minor in Asian American Studies, College of LAS  Bode referred to some discrepancies in Appendix A and the Statement for the Programs of Study Catalog; he moved approval pending revisions.

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

EP.09.14, Discontinue the Professional Writing Concentration in the BALAS in Rhetoric, College of LAS  Bode reported that this concentration no longer has faculty members; therefore, he moved for approval as submitted.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

Subcommittee B

EP.09.15, Proposal from the Provost’s Office requesting formal establishment of the Center on Democracy in a Multiracial Society (CDMS)  Geil thought this proposal contained major problems; although this Center has been in existence for six years, the last two years appear to have been unproductive. Kuntz said she would share Geil’s concerns with Ruth Watkins, Associate Provost.

EP.09.16, Establishment of an Undergraduate Minor in Speech and Hearing Science, College of AHS  Geil moved approval of this proposal as submitted.
The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

**EP.09.17, Proposal from the Graduate College and College of FAA to revise the Masters of Arts (M.A.) in Art Education**  
At the recommendation of the Subcommittee Chair, this proposal will be discussed later.

**Subcommittee C**

**EP.09.18, Proposal from the Graduate College and College of FAA to establish the Master of Education (Ed.M.) in Art Education**  
Proposal EP.09.18 was not discussed.

**EP.09.19, Proposal from the Graduate College and College of LAS to redesignate the M.A. in Speech Communication as the M.A. in Communication**  
Jankowsky thought the rationale for this proposal was unclear. Tappenden explained that it is confusing because of the pending change of the department name. After clarification, Jankowsky moved approval.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

**EP.09.20, Proposal from the Graduate College and College of LAS to redesignate the Ph.D. in Speech Communication as the Ph.D. in Communication**  
Geil made a motion to table this proposal until the Institute for Communications Research (ICR) makes a decision on their degree name change. Michael seconded the motion. The motion was discussed. Aminmansour suggested that it is not fair for one unit to block proposals of another unit. He suggested that we inform ICR that EPC is considering this proposal and ask them for input. However, he added, EPC should make a decision based on the available information. Geil and Michael accepted the amendment to the motion. Motion to temporarily table the proposal was unanimously approved.

**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 Professor Laura Hollis has indicated that she has revised the proposal and will probably be attending next week’s meeting.

**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**  
(Discussion on hold until after Public Hearing scheduled for October 1, 2008.)

**VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Diana Morris, Secretary  
Senate Committee on Educational Policy