Senate Committee on Educational Policy  
Monday, October 13, 2008

Minutes

Present: Abbas Aminmansour (Chair), Loren Bode, Jeffrey Brawn, Phillip Geil, Natasha Jankowski, Kristi Kuntz (ex officio designee), Faye Lesht (ex officio), Mary Lowry (ex officio designee), Keith Marshall (ex officio), Steve Michael, Gay Y. Miller, Chris Roegge (ex officio), David Strauser, Kevin Waspi

Absent: Michael A. Krassa, Casey Lewis, Carol Malmgren (observer), Gary McPherson, Lucy Rich (ex officio), Mark Rood, Brandon Ruzic, Jeff Schroeder, Kelly Tappenden, Amelia Wallrich, Nicholas Yannelis

Guests: Robert Cagle, Professor, Cinema Studies & Media; C. L. Cole, Professor, Director of Media Studies in the College of Media; Tanya Gallagher, Dean of College of AHS; Ronald Jackson, Associate Dean, College of Media; Richard Leskosky, Interim Director, Unit for Cinema Studies; Carol Livingstone, Associate Provost for Management Information; Ann Mester, Associate Dean, LAS Administration; William Stewart, College of AHS

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 September 22, 2008 were approved as distributed.

II. Remarks of the Chair, Reports and Announcements

No remarks were made.

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

Kuntz reported on a request from the College of LAS for administrative approval. In the BALAS in English, all majors are currently required to take ENGL 200 or ENGL 101 and ENGL 102 or ENGL 101 and ENGL 103. The department would like to limit the option and require all majors to take ENGL 200. By eliminating the option, all English majors will thus be introduced to the interpretive approaches whose theories and methods they will encounter firsthand in ENGL 301 and majors will be expected to apply this knowledge in all 400-level ENGL courses. She noted that this will slightly increase the demand for the ENGL 200, but most students are already currently choosing this option.

IV. New Business

Subcommittee B

EP.09.23, Proposal from the College of Applied Health Sciences to establish a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health with concentrations in Health and Aging, Health Behavior Change and Health Diversity  

Geil reported that the College has responded to the subcommittee’s request for minor revisions; therefore, he moved for approval as amended. Although College representatives were present in support of the proposal, no inquiries were exchanged.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

Subcommittee A

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

The Chair presented an overview of the Public Hearing that was held on Wednesday, October 1, 2008. In doing so, he confirmed that faculty with zero percent appointments in cinema studies will continue their affiliation with that department. Bode reported that any details will be documented in other proposals that are forthcoming; he moved for approval.
The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

V. Old Business

Subcommittee A

EP.08.26, Proposal from the College of Business for Entrepreneurial Leadership to Establish an Undergraduate Minor in Entrepreneurship  Bode reported that he and Chair Aminmansour had met earlier in the day with Laura Hollis and Larry DeBrock. He thought the Committee would be pleased to know that the “lottery” has been removed from the proposal; revisions are forthcoming.

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 reported that he, Chair Aminmansour and Kristi Kuntz had met last week with staff members from the Center; they concluded that any concerns had been answered and that the Center will continue in good form. Geil recommended approval as submitted.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

EP.09.21, Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of LAS to establish a Master of Arts in Union Studies and EP.09.22, Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of LAS to establish a Graduate Minor in European Union Studies  Both of these proposals are still being discussed in the department.

VI. Pending Items

Subcommittee C

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  The Chair reported that there will be a meeting on October 24 for those involved to discuss concerns; he thought it important that we receive a commitment from ICR (Institute for Communications Research).

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Diana Morris, Secretary
Senate Committee on Educational Policy