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Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Monday, November 10, 2008

Minutes

Present:
Abbas Aminmansour (Chair), Loren Bode, Phillip Geil, Natasha Jankowski, Michael A. Krassa, Carol Malmgren (observer), Keith Marshall (ex officio), Steve Michael, Gay Y. Miller, Lucy Rich (ex officio), Chris Roegge (ex officio), Mark Rood, David Strauser, Kelly Tappenden, Jeffrey Thibert, Amelia Wallrich, Kevin Waspì, Nicholas Yannelis

Absent:
Jeffrey Brawn, Emily Ganschinietz, Kristi Kuntz (ex officio designee), Faye Lesht (ex officio), Gary McPherson, Brandon Ruzic

Guests:
Cliff Christians, Head, Institute of Communications Research (ICR); Carol Livingstone, Associate Provost for Management Information; Ann Mester, Associate Dean, LAS Administration; Sarah Projansky, Associate Professor, Cinema Studies, Gender and Women's Studies Program; Ed Seebauer, Professor and Head, Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering; Becky Wauthier, Associate Registrar

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. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of October 13, 2008 were approved as distributed.

II. Remarks of the Chair, Reports and Announcements

Registrar Carol Malmgren and Associate Registrar Becky Wauthier presented an update on recent changes in the Office of Admissions and Records. Registrar Carol Malmgren distributed a handout and presented an overview of the recent split of the Office of Admission and Records into two distinct units—the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and the Office of the Registrar which was effective November 1. Stacey Kostell, director of undergraduate admissions, will continue to head the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and Ms. Malmgren will continue as Registrar. These offices along with the Office of Financial Aid, report to Keith Marshall, associate provost for enrollment management. Malmgren and Wauthier answered questions from around the table regarding these changes.

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

The Chair noted that our representative from the Provost’s Office, Kristi Kuntz was unavailable; however, she will report on recent administrative approvals at the next meeting.

Dean Tappenden reported that the Graduate College is in its regular review of proposals; also in process of bringing CEEED (Committee on Extended Education and External Degrees) closer to the Graduate Executive Committee which was prompted by issues of the Global Campus.

IV. Time Sensitive Proposals (all from 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
Jankowski reported that her subcommittee had only one change to this proposal; the sponsor has been asked to explain the justification. She moved approval as revised.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

EP.09.37, Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of MEDIA to redesignate the Ph.D. in Communications as the Ph.D. in Communications and Media
The Chair noted that a tremendous amount of time and effort has occurred behind the scenes on this proposal. Jankowski moved approval as submitted.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

EP.09.28, Proposal from the College of LAS and the Graduate College to establish a Multi-Institutional Ph.D. Degree in Chemical Engineering with the National University of Singapore
Chair Aminmansour noted that the Guidelines for Multi-Institutional Degrees were approved last year after Dean Tappenden had
led a subcommittee during the summer of 2007 of which he expressed his thanks. Geil questioned the principles behind this proposal as he perceived it as not designed to give our students an international education as no U.S. students will be going to Singapore. He referred to the top of page 4 of the proposal whereby mention is made to a reciprocal exchange of students; however, Geil said this program does no such thing. He added it appeared that this program primarily benefits NUS students and questioned whether or not we should offer our degree for that purpose. Dr. Seebauer pointed out that we have not actively sought U.S. students; however, he noted that the program enhances a mission for education and research in an effort to do useful things for the world and the U.S. There are companies that want U.S. caliber degrees for major pharmaceuticals and oil companies. Rood asked if there are plans to begin recruiting students from the U.S. to study abroad. Seebauer replied that it is being considered, but there is no funding available at this time. Seebauer hoped that once funding is secured to send U.S. students to NUS, that will be done. Dean Tappenden thought that any intentions to recruit U.S. students should be strongly written in the proposal; she also thought the list of courses should be updated. Tappenden also noted that many institutions look for collaborations of this kind; Cornell University is leading the way with three such degrees. Rood saw it as a “good faith” effort whereby our students will have the opportunity to study in Singapore in due course. Geil reiterated that his main concern is reciprocity. Aminmansour thinks the proposal supports our mission of top education, research, funding, etc.

From the student perspective, Wallrich thought that international students give rise to a more diverse campus which makes for a huge draw for top students. Thibert said he would like to see more programs like this one; he is hopeful that the reciprocity can eventually be worked out. Jankowsky thought this program would be hard to market, but she could see benefits to current students. On behalf of the Subcommittee, Jankowsky made a motion to approve with the understanding that the sponsor will strengthen the language in regard to reciprocity.

The proposal was approved to forward to the Senate (13 Yes; 1 Abstention).

V. Old Business

Subcommittee B

EP.09.21, Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of LAS to establish a Master of Arts in European 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 Geil reported that both proposals have been modified; although he questioned if the letter from the Library was appropriate, he made a motion to approve. The Chair will clarify with Kristi Kuntz.

Both proposals were unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

VI. New Business

EP.09.32, Identification on the diplomas of degrees awarded by the Global Campus outside the Global Campus Partnership agreement of 2007 as degrees awarded by the Global Campus of the University of Illinois The Chair noted that revisions to this proposal have been approved via an e-mail vote; he trusts that the Senate will vote on this proposal at its meeting on December 8. Apparently, when the document was on the November Senate agenda, there was some confusion as to what senators were actually voting on. The SEC has since come up with a Statement to be reviewed at today’s meeting scheduled for 3:10.

EP.09.41, 2014-2015 Academic Calendar; EP.09.42, 2015-2016 Academic Calendar; EP.09.43, 2016-2017 Academic Calendar; EP.09.44, 2017-2018 Academic Calendar; EP.09.45, 2018-2019 Academic Calendar The Chair reported that the Academic Calendar have been prepared by Senate Clerk Robert Damrau; they are basically fill-in-the-blanks based on existing guidelines approved by the Senate in 2005. Questions arose as to the use of vacation (Thanksgiving Vacation, Spring Vacation) versus break; Aminmansour will mention this inquiry to the Senate Clerk. Tappenden made a motion to approve; Rood seconded the motion.

Proposals EP.09.41 through EP.09.45 were unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

Subcommittee A

EP.09.24, Establish a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW), School of Social Work Bode reported that Subcommittee A found this proposal to be well-written as the resources are available—search is underway for a director; there is a timetable in place for coursework; and the School is prepared to apply for the accreditation upon receipt of Senate approval. Bode moved approval.
The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

EP.09.26, Proposal from the College of LAS and Graduate College to terminate the Economic Statistics Concentration within the Master of Science in Statistics  Bode reported that there are currently no students in this concentration; therefore, he moved approval.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

EP.09.30, Redesignate and revise the B.S. in Media Studies as the B.S. in Media and Cinema Studies, College of MEDIA  Bode and Geil expressed concerns as to the proposal’s common core; Geil thought it to resemble two distinct degrees and not a common core of courses. Professor Projansky pointed out that although there appears to be a separation, students are required to take two courses of each; there is an intellectual cross-over. It is one degree but students may choose. Bode moved for approval with minor revisions.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

Subcommittee B

EP.09.25, Proposal from the College of EDUC and the Graduate College to terminate several degrees  Geil reported that this proposal is straight forward; he recommended approval.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

EP.09.27, Proposal from the College of LAS and the Graduate College to terminate the Master of Arts in Statistics  On behalf of the subcommittee, Geil moved approval.

The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

EP.09.31, Revise and transfer the undergraduate Minor in Cinema Studies from the College of LAS to the Department of Media and Cinema Studies in the College of MEDIA  The proposal was unanimously approved to forward to the Senate.

EP.09.33, Redesignate the BALAS in International Studies as the BALAS in Global Studies, College of LAS  Due to time constraints the Committee was unable to discuss this proposal.

EP.09.36, Proposal from the Graduate College & College of ACES to transfer Horticulture Program currently housed in Dept. of Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences to Dept. of Crop Sciences  Chair Aminmansour wanted to go on record and announce that a Public Hearing will be held to discuss this re-organization. (The Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10, 2008 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the ACES Library.)

Subcommittee C

Due to time constraints the Committee was unable to discuss the following proposals.

EP.09.29, Proposal from the School of Labor and Employment Relations to establish an undergraduate minor in Global Labor Studies

EP.09.34, Redesignate the LAS International Studies minor as the Global Studies minor, College of LAS

EP.09.35, Proposal from the Graduate College and School of Social Work to modify the MSW degree

VII. Pending Items

Subcommittee A

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

VIII. Adjournment

As Chair Aminmansour will be out of the country at the time of the next meeting previously scheduled for November 17, he suggested that it be cancelled. In response to this recommendation, the Committee voted unanimously to cancel; therefore, the next meeting will be held on January 26, 2009. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Diana Morris, Secretary
Senate Committee on Educational Policy