Senate Committee on Educational Policy  
Monday, September 26, 2016  
MINUTES

Present: Bettina Francis, Chair; Roy Campbell, Christopher Dunbar, Phillip Geil, David Hanley, Sam LeRoy, Randy McCarthy, Eric Meyer, Steve Michael, Bob Muncaster, Ann Reisner, Patricia Rodriquez, Angel Velez  
ex officio: Michel Bellini, Karen Carney, Brenda Clevenger, Kathy Martensen, Brenda Clevenger

Absent: Jennifer Amos, Richard Cooke, David Miller, Fiona Ngo, Rahul Raju  
ex officio: John Hart, Keith Marshall

Guests: Amy Edwards, Assistant Provost & Director; Allison McKinney, Director of Graduate Programs & Policy; Meghan Hazen, Office of the Registrar; Philip Solter, Interim Head of the Department of Pathobiology

A regular meeting of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EPC) was called to order at 1:10 pm on Monday, September 26, 2016, in room 232 English Building with Chair Bettina Francis presiding.

1. Introductions  
Chair Francis introduced guests and new committee members who were approved at the September 19th Senate meeting: Christopher Dunbar, Angel Velez and Patricia Rodriquez.

2. Approval of Minutes  
The minutes of the meeting of September 12, 2016, were approved as distributed by unanimous consent.

3. Chair’s Remarks (B. Francis)  
Chair Francis advised that she will announce later this week if the October 3rd EPC meeting is cancelled due to not being needed.

4. Office of the Provost Updates and Administrative Approvals (K. Martensen)  
No updates or administrative approvals given.

5. Graduate College Updates (J. Hart)  
No updates were given.

6. Old Business  
A. Subcommittee A: Eric Meyer, Chair; Jenny Amos, Roy Campbell, Fiona Ngo, David Hanley, Brenda Clevenger, Student Vacancy  
1. EP.17.04 Proposal to Revise the Graduate Minor in Global Studies  
   Meyer gave a brief overview of EP.17.04, advising that a revision was completed last week, clarifying a minor matter of conflicting information regarding whether adviser approval is
needed for each student’s choice of initial course as well as each student’s subsequent course choices.

Meyer moved for approval of EP.17.04. The motion was seconded, and further discussion was held concerning overlap between two courses that are an introductory approach to the field. It was advised that they both had been approved by LAS Course and Curriculum Committee. No further discussion was held and the motion to approve EP.17.04 passed by voice and will appear on the October 10, 2016, Senate agenda.

2. **EP.17.09 Proposal to Unify all College of Veterinary Medicine PhD Programs into a Single Doctoral Program named “Comparative Biomedical Sciences”, and Eliminate the Existing PhD Degrees**

Meyer gave a brief overview of EP.17.09, adding that the sponsor was in attendance to provide additional clarification if needed. A revised proposal and narrative was posted last week that addresses concerns that primarily focused on financial matters: the need for transitional funding in light of abandonment of courses taught outside the College; apparent contradictions about marketability of the degree; and concerns about how competition for resources might be handled, since this essentially will be a program housed outside a department.

Discussion was held concerning the approval of the merger. Meyer moved for approval of EP.17.09; the motion was seconded, and no further discussion was held. The motion to approve EP.17.09 passed by voice and will appear on the October 10, 2016, Senate agenda.

3. **EP.17.11 Proposal to Establish an Undergraduate Minor in Psychology, Department of Psychology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences**

Meyer gave a brief overview of EP.17.11, advising that a revised proposal has been posted, which addresses questions that focused on course capacity and whether the potential popularity of the program might have been underestimated.

Meyer moved for approval of EP.17.11; the motion was seconded and further discussion was held concerning required psychology course. The motion to approve EP.17.11 passed by voice and will appear on the October 10, 2016, Senate agenda.

**B. Subcommittee B: Bob Muncaster, Chair; Phil Geil, David Miller, Randy McCarthy, Rahul Raju, John Hart, Keith Marshall**

1. **EP.17.06 Proposal to Establish a New Master of Science in Sustainable Urban Management, in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, College of Fine and Applied Arts**

Muncaster gave a brief overview of EP.17.06, with discussion following concerning the required course to be taken at the Chicago campus. Muncaster relayed the sponsor's clarification on the issue, stating that this type of applied project course is common practice in their department and the only costs associated with this course are the travel and coordinator, which they already have.

Muncaster moved for approval of EP.17.06; the motion was seconded, and no further discussion was held. The motion to approve EP.17.06 passed by voice and will appear on the October 10, 2016, Senate agenda.
2. **EP.17.07 Proposal to Establish a Combined Bachelor of Science in Bioengineering and Master of Engineering in Bioinstrumentation in the Department of Bioengineering, College of Engineering**

Muncaster gave a brief overview of EP.17.07, noting that the sponsors have clarified committee questions. Discussion was held concerning if the word “major” should be added to the degree title to read “Major of Engineering in Bioinstrumentation in the Department of Bioengineering”. Muncaster advised that the sponsors have agreed to add the word “major” at the committee’s request.

Discussion was also held concerning the accreditation of the BS and MS degrees. It was the overall consensus of the committee to approve the proposal if J. Amos (by email due to absence) could clarify and approve the accreditation concern.

Muncaster moved for approval of EP.17.07, pending the addition of the word “major” to the degree title and the POS Statement, and the approval from J. Amos on the accreditation concern. The motion was seconded, and no further discussion was held. The motion to approve EP.17.07 passed by voice pending the addition of the word “major” to the proposal and the approval from J. Amos regarding the raised accreditation concern. EP.17.07 will appear on the October 10, 2016, Senate agenda.

*EP.17.07 was withdrawn by the proposal sponsors September 28, 2016.*

C. **Subcommittee C: Karen Carney, Chair; Sam LeRoy, Richard Cooke, Steve Michael, Ann Reisner, Michael Bellini, Student Vacancy**

1. **EP.17.08 Proposal to Establish a Concentration in Technology in the Bachelor of Music Education Degree Program, College of Fine and Applied Arts**

Carney gave a brief overview of EP.17.08. Discussion followed concerning course 407; Carney advised that it is a one in a two-course sequence that is an elective. It was the overall consensus of the committee that it was not necessary to remove the 407 course after hearing the sponsors’ clarifications.

Carney moved for approval of EP.17.08 as is, without removing 407. The motion was seconded, and no further discussion was held. The motion to approve EP.17.08 passed by voice and will appear on the October 10, 2016, Senate agenda.

D. **Establishing an Ad Hoc Committee on Issues Related to Online Teaching**

Chair Francis opened discussion reporting that Subcommittee E was created due to duplicate reviews of graduate online degree proposals were being conducted by both CEEED and EPC. It was suggested that one committee be formed that consisted of members from both CEEED and EPC to alleviate duplication efforts of reviewing graduate online proposals and become more efficient. Subcommittee E will oversee the graduate online proposals, but was not created to resolve issues related to other or more general concerns with online teaching.

Discussion was held regarding if an *ad hoc* Committee should be created to deal with issues related to online teaching. Many concerns were raised by members regarding the increasing enrollment for online teaching, concern for consistency and how to provide that without interfering with faculty prerogatives and how courses should be taught. Academic freedom and intellectual property rights were also concerns that were discussed.

There was discussion on what the *ad hoc* committee would do, with suggestions of refining policies. It was the consensus of the committee that an *ad hoc* committee should be created to address issues regarding online education. Chair Francis requested all members interested in
serving on the ad hoc committee to notify her. Further discussion will be held at the next EPC meeting.

7. New Business
      Francis gave a brief overview of EP.17.17, advising that the Campus has decided that there will be
      one commencement ceremony that will remain at the Stadium and that it will be held on a
      Saturday. Due to this decision, the academic calendars have to be revised to reflect the Saturday
      Commencement Ceremony. Chair Francis moved for approval of EP.17.17. The motion was
      seconded, and no further discussion was held. EP.17.17 was approved by unanimous consent and
      will appear on the October 10, 2016, Senate agenda.

   B. Subcommittee B: Bob Muncaster, Chair; Phil Geil, David Miller, Randy McCarthy, Rahul Raju, John
      Hart, Keith Marshall

      1. EP.17.19 Proposal to Revise Five Undergraduate Bachelor of Science Concentrations in the
         Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, College of ACES
         No discussion was held.

8. Adjournment
   The meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm

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