A regular meeting of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EPC) was called to order at 1:10 pm on Monday, April 9, 2018, in room 232 of the English Building with Chair Gay Miller presiding.

1. Introduction of Guests
2. Approval of Minutes
The minutes from April 9, 2018 were approved as distributed.
3. Chair’s Remarks
Chair Miller disseminated two articles “7 Myths that Limit Innovation in Higher Ed” and “The 10 Barriers to Innovation in Higher Education” referencing that these articles have elements that relate to general Educational Policy concerns that have been expressed by EPC members during our work over this past year. This is a topic anticipated for discussion in the future.

The new Integrated and Value Centered Business Model has been presented at various meetings around the campus, and she shared Senators comments that the model was still too simple and does not yet include the details necessary to understand how it will be implemented. She hopes for further discussion by EPC.

4. Office of the Provost Updates
None.

5. Graduate College Updates
None.

6. Old Business
   A. Subcommittee A: Randy McCarthy, Chair; Cynthia Buckley, Nolan Miller, Samantha Frost, Andrianna Kurzenberger, Amanda Yuile

   1. EP.18.58 Proposal from the College of Applied Health Sciences to Rename and Revise the MS in Public Health
McCarty presented EP.18.58 with sponsors (Notaro and Wells) in attendance. Subcommittee A was concerned about staffing. Notaro indicated the department was committed to a 10:1 student-faculty ratio, which is standard for their accrediting body. Subcommittee A was concerned that the thesis and project both accounted for four hours. Notaro indicated a similar level of work was required for both options. Meyer asked about the future of the MSPH and if this is a termination and establishment or a change in program. The sponsor indicated enrollment in MSPH was halted when the MPH was established. The proposed MSHA retains much of the MSPH
program. EPC members expressed concern about notification that enrollment was halted in MSPH.

McCarthy moved approval of the proposal. The proposal was approved and will appear on the April 30, 2018 Senate consent agenda.

B. Subcommittee B: Eric Meyer, Chair; Theo Moton, Ray Benekohal, Linda Moorhouse, Phoebe Handler

1. EP.18.31 Proposal to Establish the Bachelor of Science in Information Sciences from the School of Information Sciences
Meyer presented EP.18.31, updating progress on letters of cooperation from related units. School is adding programming and upper division undergraduate courses in preparation for degree. Another question was raised that related to the 40 hour upper division course requirement without 40 such hours yet available; Meyer said this is a ‘chicken-and-egg’ problem that will be handled in time.

2. EP.18.57 Establish a New Joint Degree Program for the MA in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and MS in Library and Information Science, School of Information Sciences
Meyer presented EP.18.57 with sponsor (Randolph) in attendance. Hart clarified that admission to a dual degree program requires applicant be admissible to each individual degree program. Randolph acknowledged Ralph Fisher leadership since 1959 and the Library for the strength of the proposed program. Frost suggested sponsor’s statement be included in proposal for the Senate agenda. Chair Miller suggested where this information could fit into the proposal. Randolph indicated graduate placement in libraries and NGO’s (nongovernmental organization), as well as general information analysis functions e.g. for government work.

Meyer moved approval of the proposal with the additional paragraph. The proposal was approved and will appear on the April 30, 2018 Senate consent agenda.

7. New Business

A. Subcommittee B: Eric Meyer, Chair; Theo Moton, Ray Benekohal, Linda Moorhouse, Phoebe Handler

1. EP.18.63 Proposal from the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research to Establish the Cancer Center as a Temporary Center
Meyer presented EP.18.63 with sponsors (Bhargava and Martinis) in attendance. The Center at Illinois was recognized as the first science-based cancer center in 27 years and the second best next to MIT’s. The first five years of funding is $1.2M plus overhead with the sixth year of funding and beyond asking for even more. The reporting line required by NIH must be through the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research (VCR). Strategy is to continue building our established science-based cancer center while the Carle Illinois College of Medicine develops its own clinical cancer research plans. NIH was excited about our cancer center because of its integration of engineering and computing, with focus on precision medicine and the invention of new medical devices and their usability. The proposed cancer center would work alongside other cancer research on campus e.g. at the IGB where there are three themes linked to cancer. The center has an external advisory board who has provided feedback as the center has developed. This proposal provides for the relocation of the cancer center, and Bhargava stated with success, if successful to receive NIH designation, it would become one of only seven basic science cancer centers focused solely on research. Group will be holding a workshop next week on eight topics in medical humanities and other ways of integrating work with campus strengths.

Meyer moved approval of the proposal. The proposal was approved and will appear on the April 30, 2018 Senate agenda under “Proposals”.

B. Enrollment Management (continued discussion)
Mann and Edwards provided additional URM (underrepresented minority) enrollment information (clarified disambiguating multiple racial/ethnic categories across unduplicated students) which has
been posted on the EPC members’ website. Benekohal, Frost, Huang, and Raju considered the measurement of finer racial/ethnic demographics of the student body (e.g. Middle Eastern, Northern African) important. It will help to raise awareness of student body diversity, to inform of issues of discrimination and attacks, and to appropriately allocate resources. Hart, Meyer, Reisner, and Robbennolt expressed concerns regarding FERPA and the responsibilities of data collection. Edwards, Hart, and Mann also expressed the need for regularity to better inform comparisons between institutions. Committee concluded that Edwards, Mann, and others have done a fine job of reporting the student demographics required by university policy, and any change to the collection and reporting of campus demographics would require an update to university policy. Chair Miller indicated that she would contact the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Equal Opportunity and Inclusion, and the Senate committee on Admissions, and provide a summary of our discussion for their further consideration.

C. **Feedback Request on the New Budget Model**
   Chair Miller summarized the state of the new budget model in her opening remarks; she hopes for further discussion.

8. **Adjournment**
   The meeting adjourned at 2:37 pm.