COMMITTEE: Educational Policies and Planning Committee

MEETING DATE: Friday, January 13, 2012

PERSON PRESIDING: Scott Gordon, Chair

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Deedee Glascoff, Scott Gordon, James Holloway, John Kenney

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Linner Griffin, George Kasperek, Thomas McConnell, Mark Taggart

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Dermody, Michael Drought, Michael Dingfelder, Lori Lee

EXCUSED: Susan Bashinski, David Smith, Ed Stellwag

ABSENT: George Bailey, Anthony Overton, Blaise Williams

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ACTIONS OF MEETING

Called to order by Chair Gordon at 1:03 p.m. Quorum established.

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Agenda Item: Approval of December 9, 2011, EPPC meeting minutes.

Discussion: Professor Griffin noted that a statement by Professor Gordon recorded in the initially presented minutes (that the external reviewers for the Department of Kinesiology’s unit academic program review were not the unit faculty members’ first choice) was not technically correct, as one of the external reviewers was on the department’s list. During discussion, it was agreed by most that it was more important in the minutes to avoid misrepresenting the facts of the Department of Kinesiology’s unit academic program review than to include Professor Gordon’s erroneous statement. A motion was made to approve the minutes after amending them to strike the erroneous statement.

Action Taken: Minutes were approved as modified, with Professor Kenney abstaining from the vote.

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Agenda Item: Request to move and rename the Media Production (MPRD) concentration in the School of Communication to the Cinematic Arts and Media Production (CAMP) concentration in the BFA in Art Program in the School of Art and Design.

Discussion: Professors Michael Dermody and Michael Drought presented the history and specifics of the request to move and rename the concentration. They noted that the curriculum had been reworked to meet accreditation standards and expanded (with no new resources required due to extra load per faculty FTE). The students will now be able to enter the concentration earlier and take increased number and breadth of courses in a more integrated curriculum. There is growth in this area and workforce need.

Motion: To approve the request to move and rename the Media Production (MPRD) concentration in the School of Communication to the Cinematic Arts and Media Production (CAMP) concentration in the BFA in Art Program in the School of Art and Design

Action Taken: The motion was approved unanimously.
Agenda Item: Request to establish a new concentration in the PhD program in Biomedical Physics (Department of Physics): “Integrated PhD in Biomedical Physics and MS in Physics – Medical Physics concentration”.

Discussion: Professor Michael Dingfelder described the new concentration. Some students graduating with a PhD in Biomedical Physics desire to become board certified to work as a medical physicist. In order to do so, they need to graduate from a Commission on Accreditation of Medical Physics Educational Programs (CAMPEP) accredited program. The Medical Physics concentration in the MS program in Physics is accredited by CAMPEP, whereas the PhD in Biomedical Physics is not (because it is more general). However, almost all required courses from the MS concentration in Medical Physics are also part of the PhD program. The proposed “Integrated PhD in Biomedical Physics and MS in Physics – Medical Physics concentration” will allow students in the PhD in Biomedical Physics program to simultaneously receive both degrees by taking appropriate coursework. No new resources are required. Discussion amongst EPPC members demonstrated support for the proposal, but concern was raised that the hour requirements for the baccalaureate admission were unclear in the revised catalog copy.

Motion: To approve the request to establish the new concentration in the PhD program in Biomedical Physics (Department of Physics): “Integrated PhD in Biomedical Physics and MS in Physics – Medical Physics concentration”, with a recommendation to the department of Physics to clarify the course hour requirements for the baccalaureate admission.

Action Taken: The motion was approved unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, February 10, 2012 at 1 pm in 142 Rawl Annex.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: To be determined by Professor Scott Gordon at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m. by motion, second, and unanimous approval.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mark A. Taggart and Scott E. Gordon