Committee: Educational Policies and Planning

Meeting Date: December 1, 2000

Person Presiding: George Bailey

Regular Members in Attendance: George Bailey, David Lawrence, Martha Engelke

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance: Paul Tschetter, Allen Rosenberg, Bob Thompson, Rita Reeves for Richard Ringeisen, C.W. Sullivan, Smith, Don Barnes

Actions of Meeting

The minutes of 11/10/00 were accepted as written.

Permission to Plan a Minor in Neuroscience Proposal presented by Dr. Larry Means who stated that this is a growing field at the national level. Concern raised by Smith that the proposal requires undergraduate students to take 5000 level courses to complete the core courses (Neur 5000 and Neur 5001). SACS guidelines allow students to take 5000 level courses but they cannot be required to do so. Suggested that the proposal be revised and a 4000 level and a 6000 level course be developed to meet the different needs of undergraduate and graduate students. Undergraduates would register for the 4000 level course.

ACTION: Barnes moved and Rosenberg seconded that the proposal be approved with the understanding that the required 5000 level courses would be revised and offered at the 4000 level. Motion approved.

Procedure for Permission to Develop New Programs

Tschetter distributed the new "Guidelines for the Administrative Board's Review of Proposals for New Graduate Degree Programs" that were approved by the Graduate School Administrative Board on November 27, 2000. Reeves noted that the new Guidelines and forms from General Administration are also available. The new forms require more extensive documentation of need, rationale, and funding. Both of these documents need to be reviewed to insure that they are consistent with each other and the information in the Faculty Manual needs to be updated.

Committee on Committee: Revision of Charge

The first reading of the revised charge for EPPC will be presented at the next Faculty Senate Meeting. Morrison distributed copies
of the proposed charge for EPPC and the proposed charge for a new Budget Committee. Dr. Feldbush has concerns with the second statement in 4A. ("This consideration shall cover the undergraduate and graduate programs as problems or concerns arise"). Oversight of graduate programs must be done by graduate faculty and EPPC may be composed of members without graduate appointments. Consensus of EPPC members was that the sentence could be deleted. There was also a concern that the new guidelines and forms from General Administration would make it necessary for EPPC to address budget related concerns as well as academic standards. Approval of programs will be dependent on both issues.

ACTION: Bailey to attend Faculty Senate and represent the views of EPPC members.