

Approved 11/11/98  
Educational Policy Committee  
Wednesday, October 28, 1998 (Meeting #4)

Present: B. Casserberg, D. Dorland, S. Engelberth, S. Grana, T. Isbell, J. Keener, M. Kuehl, J. Maps, L. Miller Cleary, M. O'Brien, K. Risdon, T. Shannon, P. Sharp, T. Wegren  
Excused: L. Grover, S. Hedman, A. Johnson, V. Magnuson, P. Morton, H. Person  
Absent: J. Busselman, E. Doucette, S. Valentine, J. Walker Guest: K. Johnson

Chair Risdon called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

**MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 28, 1998 MEETING MINUTES.** Passed.

### Semester Programs

Committee members reviewed the handouts showing total credits for undergraduate semester degree programs, and the semester degree requirements. EPC is required to approve credits for programs that require more than 132 credits. T. Shannon said education programs need to meet outside agency requirements. The elementary/middle school education program varies between 137-147 credits based on the credits in the minor. The credits required for teaching earth/ space science-outdoor education and teaching life science-outdoor education are high because those programs are double majors. T. Shannon will make a written request to EPC for approval of the semester degree programs over 132 credits.

Though there is inconsistency among the degrees in the way degree requirements are stated, it is true for all degrees that transfer grades and credits are not calculated in the University of Minnesota GPA. K. Johnson said the APAS GPA is an overall GPA and includes transfer credits.

Committee members are asked to review these materials with their units and let Chair Risdon know of other issues.

### Subcommittee Reports

Library and Information Technology Policy: K. Risdon will ask H. Person to be the EPC representative to this subcommittee. € Admissions, Retention, and Graduation: D. Dorland volunteered to be the EPC representative to this subcommittee. Chair Risdon will determine who is chairing the subcommittee. € Academy of Teaching Excellence: Chair Risdon said the University of Minnesota is starting an academy of teaching excellence. M. O'Brien will give him a copy of the letter she received regarding that academy.

Because collegiate unit procedures for filling committee vacancies varies greatly, Chair Risdon asked that the committee discuss at its next meeting an EPC procedure for filling subcommittee vacancies.

### Other Business

Committee members expressed concern about the effect of PeopleSoft on University policy. Chair Risdon will ask that Enterprise System staff from the Twin Cities come to an EPC meeting to give an update on the PeopleSoft system. He and K. Johnson will work on a list of

PeopleSoft-related issues to discuss. Chair Risdon will also write something up regarding changes to the policy on incompletes. Senate Committee on Educational Policy (SCEP) minutes will be sent to EPC members to keep them better informed of policy changes being made on the Twin Cities campus.

Future Agenda Item(s)

Effect of IMG on educational programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Dragich

Recorder