The following is a summary of the Educational Policy Committee activities and decisions for the 2013-2014 academic year:

1. EPC approved two new flow charts on Research/Membership Centers and Institutes, and Public Service/General Service Centers and Institutes. In the 2011-2012 academic year, a concern was raised about how to distinguish the status of various kinds of academic units, including centers and institutes on campus. The Provost convened a small task force consisting of two members of EPC, with input from the Senate Steering Committee.

2. EPC is unanimously voted to approve the Academic Program Review proposal, where individual programs are reviewed to meet the concerns of our accreditation reviewers.

3. EPC approved the new and revised Promotion and Tenure Guidelines.

4. EPC unanimously approved renaming Center for Women, Politics, and Policy to the Center for Women’s Leadership. EPC decided that this was not a significant enough change to warrant Faculty Senate consideration, and was forwarded to the Provost.

5. Last spring, EPC provisionally approved the proposal to create a Center to Advance Racial Equity (CARE) in the School of Social Work. However, intra-campus consultations continued this year to create a broader base for this center.

6. Steve Harmon, EPC member and OAA staff, added EPC documents and minutes to the PSU Curriculum Tracking System. This allows EPC and others to track the progress of EPC activities.

7. EPC representatives joined the ad hoc FSBC meetings with all college deans, concerning the budget decisions that are being pushed out to the colleges.

8. We unanimously approved a proposal to rename the Honors Program to the Honors College.

9. We approved the policy recommendations from the Credit for Prior Learning Policy Subcommittee.

10. We approved a proposal to change the reporting structure of the Intensive English Language Program from CLAS to OAA. We had concerns about the pre-proposal process, where there seems to have been a need for better stakeholder and faculty governance interfaces. However, EPC found merit in changing the unit’s reporting structure, as proposed.

11. We are considering ways to more effectively engage student committee members in shared governance processes.

12. We unanimously voted to have Jose Padin as our Chair-Elect for 2014-2015.