Call to Order by:
D’Art Phares (co-chair) @ 1:37pm
1. Approval of Minutes of June 3, 2013 (10 min)
a. MSC (Michael Allen/Veronica Cox, Carole Akl abstaining) to approve as amended.
2. Call for new items (3 min)
a. Program Viability Task Force
i. The task force has continued working on the proposed changes to the process. The sticking point has to do with program modifications, and how and where they should be examined. They currently undergo review in Curriculum, but that committee would like to see more thorough oversight, particularly from administration. The Curriculum committee also feels it may not be the most appropriate place to examine the larger issues associated with significant changes to programs. There was extensive discussion about how this might be accomplished. There was general agreement that EPC might be an appropriate body for this, but there was concern that an extra layer of approval would slow the process, and that this could overload EPC. The task force had already brought this up with the new Senate President, and talks will continue over the summer about the most effective way to ensure adequate oversight. To aid in this discussion, Said will clarify and codify Curriculum’s process and provide a means for posting proposed program modifications online. The task force intends to present a finalized draft of the new process at our September meeting.
3. Review of outstanding action items (3 min)
a. None
4. PACE Viability Committee’s report (30 min)
a. Cathy Brinkman and D’Art Phares presented the committee’s report and recommendation for EPC’s review and comments, followed by a question-and-answer session. Because the report is lengthy, David Jordan suggested creating an executive summary of the process, findings, and recommendation. The next step is to present the report and recommendation to the Senate for approval in September.

b. D’Art Phares will write an executive summary. Cathy Brinkman will finalize the draft report. Both will be emailed to EPC for comments.

Our next meeting will be September 9, 2013

Adjournment: 3:14 pm
Minutes – D. Phares