

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
MINUTES
April 13, 2011
Wednesday, 11 am-1:30 p.m., Kerr Hall, Room 307

Present: Holly Cordova (NSTF Rep), Alma Natalia De Castro (SUA), Cormac Flanagan, Melissa Gwyn, Pam Hunt-Carter (Registrar, *ex officio*), Lourdes Martínez-Echazábal (Provost Rep), Eric Porter, Justin Riordan (SUA), John Tamkun (Chair), Susanna Wrangell (Staff), Peter Young.

Absent: Barbara Love (Articulation Officer), Eileen Zurbriggen.

Guests: Mark Cioc (Interim VPDUE), Margie Claxton (Associate Registrar), Elaine Kihara (Academic Preceptor Designee), Michael McCawley (Associate Director of Admissions).

I. Announcements and updates.

Chair Tamkun updated members on the SEC meeting where a variety of topics were discussed, one that is relevant to CEP are the budget scenarios. There is no plan B, if the tax extensions don't go through, UC has not announced what steps will be taken systemwide. The divisional budgets have been submitted to CPB, and Chair Tamkun raised the issue of how these changes affect enrollment in programs, and more importantly, program catalog statements. As it is now past the deadline to submit for next year's catalog changes, there could be unforeseen problems to majors. Other Senate business involved the request for a mail ballot on the Graduate Council's change in legislation on Graduate grading which was voted on and approved at the March Senate meeting. It will be an electronic ballot.

CEP has been receiving many EAP courses request for General Education substitutions. Students should do a review of transfer credit through Admissions first, if the course is supported then their record is updated. If denied, an appeal comes to CEP. Advisors should have the student do this first before a CEP appeal is sent in. The CEP analyst will follow up for future committee decisions.

For the next agenda, how to substitute courses with the new GE designations for April 27.

Minutes to approve this week: Corrections to March 30 none.

Petitions this week:

- Requests for Graduate Student Instructors (GSI) – 7.
- Requests for Undergraduate Student Teaching Assistants (UTA) – 4.
- Request for Grade Options from P/NP to a letter grade – 3 all denied.
- Request for Grade Change – 9 W grades.
- GE substitutions – 19(8Ws, 1DC and 3 denied).

Transfer Articulation Course Reviews this week: none for today but next week on "rule-building" in AIS and how it relates to the GE decisions we are making for transferable GE course credit from other universities.

II. American Studies Consultation with Interim Dean William Ladusaw

CEP member Eric Porter (Chair of American Studies) recused himself before the consultation began.

CEP members updated the Dean on the previous meeting's decisions

CEP had an informative discussion with Interim Humanities Dean Ladusaw and will send out a response requesting a divisional solution from the faculty if interdepartmental faculty agree to teach and support the courses that could apply to the major. The major is set up with an excellent framework. It has the gateway course with AMST 10, foundation courses in topical areas across campus and the capstone for the completion of the major. Dean Ladusaw stressed the importance of CEP support for faculty in this program, to support their thoughtful and creative teach out plan over the next two years. Without CEP support, faculty may perceive CEP's actions as punitive and micro-managing of a departments curriculum, which was never CEP's intention.

Historically, if a student was not passing a major or the courses were just not offered, the Department Chair would help them through, there would be a "work around plan" to either waive or substitute course so the student could get their degree. Is this viable for future American Studies majors?

Action Item: CEP will respond to American Studies not to suspend and ask for an interdepartmental plan. Respond to Dean Ladusaw, put letter on next agenda for discussion, the draft. Or send out via email.

III. Politics Mid Cycle Review

CEP members felt this request was unproblematic and will approve after checking in with CEP member Zurbriggen.

Action Item: CEP will send a respond to the VPAA after approval.

IV. Chapter 9 Section 9.1.3 One year Limit to Grade Change Exceptions

CEP members voted to approve the proposed legislation.

Action Item: CEP will send to RJ&E for approval at the May Senate meeting.

V. CEP's Continuing Discussion on Revising Policies on Selective Admission to a Major and Disqualification to Major.

CEP was informed of a pending ruling on disqualification and admission policies to a major being addressed by the Systemwide University on Rules, Jurisdiction and Elections Committee. Chair Tamkun will update committee members of CEP's role after consulting with the Senate Chair.

VI. DC Requests Updates -none

So attests,

John Tamkun, Chair
Committee on Educational Policy