

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
MINUTES**

February 09, 2011

Wednesday, 11 am-1:30 p.m., Kerr Hall, Room 307

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

Absent: None.

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

I. Announcements and updates.

Chair Tamkun reported to CEP members on two meetings this week. UCEP met on Monday to discuss the budget and articulation issues. At the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) meeting the budget was discussed. SEC discussed issues coming to the Senate must be dealt with rapidly, as with the case of American Studies. How the cuts are managed may be decided over the summer or late spring so the senate wants to be prepared to review and comment on any proposed changes to divisions and departments in a timely manner.

Minutes were approved with corrections to be sent by CEP members via email and the revised versions will be sent out for approval.

The Chemistry Department withdrew its catalog program statement and will be resubmitting later this quarter.

There were no petitions this week.

Transfer Articulation Course Reviews this week: none.

Before CEP discussed the request for a new SI course in Physics, CEP Member Peter Young recused himself. The course, Physics 8 is approved but not for the SI general education requirement. CEP needs more information on the course content before the SI designation can be approved.

Action Item: CEP will request clarification from the department on how the course content meets the GE requirement for the SI designation.

II. American Studies B.A. Program and Department Proposal for Suspension.

CEP members discussed the proposal for American Studies suspension after CEP member Eric Porter recused himself. CEP members felt strongly that the department has issues, but could not approve suspension of the program based on fiscal considerations. Chair Tamkun projected a flow chart of American Studies majors through the degree program, which indicated a fairly easy tract to complete. The department may not be viable but this decision comes at a time for UCSC when attracting majors is important. American Studies is unique to UCSC, it is a major that is accessible for many non- scientists

and for students who are looking for their niche. It is important to act quickly to be fair in recruiting of new and transfer students. Many students plan to come to UCSC for a specific program or interest, it is important to have an official decision before students enter this spring or fall. CEP members voted: not to recommend suspension based on budgetary grounds: yes 6, abstention 1.

Action Item: CEP will send a response to delay the suspension and point out discrepancies in this proposal to do with budget and lack of data. CEP objects to the suspension based on budgetary issues, and worries this is setting a precedent for other small departments on campus. CEP will use this case as a guideline and request CPB to follow up. This is a major that is unique to the UCSC campus and CEP can only be advisory due to budgetary issues. CEP agrees with CPB on FTE transfer requests to hold off recommending at this time.

III. UNEX Certificates for Spring 2011.

CEP members found the new format streamlined the review process.

However, members wanted to make sure the reviewers suggestions and questions were addressed after the certificates were submitted to CEP. Members voted to approve all certificates after clarification from UNEX on the two new certificate proposals, Online Teaching and Educational Therapy. UNEX confirmed the course content has been edited to reflect the changes via email at the end of the meeting.

Action Item: CEP will send an approval response to UNEX for all four spring certificates reviewed.

IV. New Subject Area for Yiddish Language Courses, YIDD.

CEP received a request from Language Chair Shigeko Okamoto for Yiddish language courses to be taught under a separate area rubric, (YIDD). CEP members found the request unproblematic and approved.

Action Item: CEP will send an approval response to Chair Shigeko Okamoto for Yiddish, (YIDD).

V. CEP's Policies on Selective Admission to a Major and Disqualification to Majors Carried forward due to lack of time.

VI. Catalog Rights Issues.

There is much confusion over this issue with the campus community. Are catalog rights only for the requirements, or also held to selection of the major? Degree requirements are up to the department, but when are students held to this policy, after entrance into the major or after being in the major when a new policy is added, this would be retroactive. If a course was taken before the policy was implemented, it should not count. CEP members agreed that a disqualification policy in a major cannot be retroactive, if the courses are introduced before the policy, it cannot be enforced on current students in the major. Admission requirements to the major and disqualifications are frowned upon, but CEP will work with departments using other methods, such as gating of courses to the pathway and enforcing Senate Regulation 9.1.8.(repetition of a course), to help guide students into the major that is suitable with their level of competency of subject matter.

So attests,

John Tamkun, Chair
Committee on Educational Policy