

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY  
MINUTES**

**January 12, 2011**

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

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

Absent: Alma Natalia De Castro (SUA), Cameron Fields (SUA), Barbara Love (Articulation Officer), Eileen Zurbriggen.

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

**I. Announcements and updates.**

Chair Tamkun updated CEP on the meeting with provosts on students repeating courses more than twice without college permission. The Registrar's office is working on a report to send out from AIS. At the SEC meeting the discussion included budget cuts, VPAA processes, the UC Streaming proposal, impacted majors, and nominations for Committee on Committees (COC).

Routine petitions processed this week:

- Requests for Graduate Student Instructors (GSI) – 2;
- Requests for Undergraduate Teaching Assistants (UTA) – 3;
- Individual Major – 1;
- Others – 1 catalog year change;
- GE substitutions 22 – (9 W's);
- Requests to Late drop of a class -4 (for medical and clerical errors).

Transfer Articulation Course Reviews this week: None.

**II. American Studies FTE Requests.**

CEP's primary concern is for the declared and nearly declared majors get the curriculum they need to graduate, and that no further admits enter the program. CEP members approve the FTE transfer requests for Professors Kimberly Lau to the Literature Department and Catherine Ramirez to Latin American Latino Studies, both from American Studies, but feel a teach out plan should be submitted or other proposed plan in order to protect student's interest. A proposal is in the process, resources is one of the reasons for justification to change the structure of the current major with a proposed two or three year teach out plan. American Studies faculty are open to accommodating any student, the deadline to declare is spring 2011 with a teach out plan that assumes 40 instead of the *usual 20 will declare the major between now and July 1*.

***Action Item: CEP members voted to wait on sending a response to American Studies on approved FTE transfers pending the teach out plan. Chair Tamkun will consult with the administration before a committee response is drafted, CEP will decide at next week's meeting.***

**III. Program Statements Discussion Carry forward to January 19.**

CEP members chose the most difficult statements first based on the check list guidelines developed to streamline the process and allow time for departments to re-submit any corrections before the deadline.

Economics Program Statement***Changes to major admission policy, CEP approved.***

The department has suspended admission into the MS in applied economics and finance program that is part of a dual-degree program for one year. The department intends to review program alternatives during the remainder of the current academic year and plans to submit a fee based master program.

***Changes to major disqualification policy, CEP denied.***

The current policy states that students will be disqualified after two failures in the same upper division core courses (Econ 100A, 100B or 113). The new policy will disqualify students in the major and combined majors after a total of two fails in any of the three upper-division core courses. This policy is in keeping with the CEP guidelines for disqualification. But this mechanism does not change the flow of majors, students can still be disqualified in their senior year.

***Changes to minor requirements***

The department's major admission policy will be enforced on the minor. Students will need to receive an average GPA of 2.8 in ECON 1 & 2 to be accepted into the minor. This will make it difficult for students who are not accepted to the major to continue taking upper-division courses.

Program Statement Recommendations Suggestions or Proposed Changes:

*Changes to major admission policy:* CEP approves.

*Changes to major disqualification policy:* Denied. CEP finds the lack of gating in the lower divisions courses (AMS 5, Econ 1 and Econ 2, Econ 11A) to be problematic. A student could be disqualified in their senior year, and based on the information provided it is not clear how it meets the goals of your majors.

***Action Item: CEP will continue and finalize the response to Economics next week.***

Psychology Program Statement carried forward to January 19 due to lack of time.

CEP members are asked to think about Psychology's program statement asking for non-impaction based restriction to the major. This request could theoretically produce a reduction in psychology majors by as much as 40%.

Sociology Program Statement carried forward to January 19 due to lack of time.

**IV. Systemwide Review of Funding Streams Proposal**

CEP members decided that there is inefficient data to respond appropriately and request that the task force members properly address the issues and needed data.

***Action Item: Chair Tamkun will send a response to committee members for additional comments and then to Senate Chair Gillman.***

**VI. Consultation with Richard Hughey Bioengineering (BE) Disqualification Policy**

CEP had concerns about the disqualification policy being more stringent than the graduation requirements. Guest Professor Richard Hughey explained his department's request based on curriculum and declaration structures. After the first graduating class of 7, the department realized the flaws in the success of majors getting through the program. The GPA threshold is a good indicator if the student will be successful in this major, better for students to declare early on. The BE GPA works in

parallel with the School of Engineering (SOE) GPA admissions for consistency. Students have to be pre- pared before they actually apply for the major, before applying to UCSC. This disqualification policy is based on the major passing the senior project, if a passing student fails where do they go? It is important in a students career to be disqualified early so that changes can be made timely and the student can pursue other options available either in the School of Engineering or other majors at UCSC that match the students skills. CEP would like to see an appeals process, which is not in the proposed policy. CEP would approve the proposal if students are not disqualified too late in their career, i.e. senior year and if disqualified early, what other options does the student have to complete their degree? Bioengineering has many departments sponsoring it, can another program accept these students whose GPA falls below 2.5 or can a B.A. degree be developed.

***Action Item: CEP: recommends Bioengineering find a way to identify students earlier or define a path for the students with 20 credits left to complete the major who don't meet GPA but have another program for them to enroll in or get a BA degree. CEP welcomes a revised proposal from Bioengineering on the disqualification policy.***

So attests,

John Tamkun, Chair  
Committee on Educational Policy