

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
MINUTES**

March 02, 2011

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

Present: Holly Cordova (NSTF Rep), Alma Natalia De Castro (SUA), Cormac Flanagan, , Lourdes Martínez-Echazábal (Provost Rep.), Eric Porter, Justin Riordan (SUA), John Tamkun (Chair), Susanna Wrangell (Staff), Peter Young, Eileen Zurbriggen.

Absent: Pam Hunt-Carter (Registrar, *ex officio*), Mark Cioc (Interim VPDUE), Melissa Gwyn.

Guests: 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 updated members on Economics. The department did send out a retracted statement to students in their majors, but the notice still alluded that these changes maybe in place for fall 2011, but CEP's response letter clearly stated these requests were not approved for the 2011 -12 catalog year. CEP's response to American Studies suspension was due yesterday, but before CEP's response was submitted the EVC sent out a response last week approving the FTE transfers. CEP originally approved the FTE requests but not the suspension of the major. CEP members were asked to comment on the latest draft for the suspension request due on Friday, March 4, 2011.

Members agreed against suspension due to lack of budgetary criteria. CEP's response will include the lack of budgetary justification, the importance of the major, and the brief teach out plan for a major that can be quickly completed.

Action Item: CEP voted unanimously against suspension of the American Studies major and will send out a response letter.

Minutes to approve this week: February 2 and 9. Comments and minor corrections will be sent to the CEP analyst via email: swrangel@ucsc.edu.

Petitions this week:

- Requests for Graduate Student Instructors (GSI) – 5.
- Request for Grade Options from P/NP to a letter grade – 1.
- Request for Grade Change – 1 .
- GE substitutions 11 – (1 W's).

Transfer Articulation Course Reviews this week: None.

II. EE, MCD, BMB, Human Biology and Chemistry Program Statements.

MCD -Human Biology Program: The Human biology major's DC is composed of a field internship and writing component. Students complete the internship in the community but some are not passing the writing component. The internship cannot be repeated for credit due to scheduling and coordinating with health professionals in the community, so if the student does not pass the writing component, they must repeat the whole internship. CEP received a request for suggestions on how to solve this problem with

for their DC requirement. A CEP member suggested splitting the course into two, two and three unit courses. But students must pass the internship or they are out of the major this cannot be waived. Send a response proposing the creation of two courses that equal 5 credits, that are co-requisites. The writing component would be repeated for credit, and would be separate from the community outreach course.

Action Item: Draft response for members to approve, proposing two courses for 2 and 3 credits each that are co-requisites with the Human BiologyLab.

Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology(MCDB): The revised proposal for the DC requirement addressed CEP's concerns from the previous year and satisfied the criteria and is approved.

Ecology and Evolutionary Biology: The department responded by incorporating CEP's comments in their DC proposal and satisfied the criteria and is approved.

Biology and Molecular biology (BMB): The DC proposals for Human Biology and the BMB major satisfied CEP's criteria and is approved.

Action Item: Draft response for members to approve, the DC courses for the Biology Department; with the understanding that all future offerings of the course will meet the minimum requirements for DC credit. .

Chemistry: Before the discussion took place, Chair Tamkun recused himself. The department is requesting requiring all students to take a placement exam before enrolling in CHEM 1A or CHEM 1B. The department would like to require all majors take the exam so there will be data available and the results will still only be advisory. CEP members question mandatory test taking by a large number of students which may act as a deterrent to students who are thinking of doing chemistry. The other concern members had is that the test might induce a gender bias in the students who decide to continue. It maybe more helpful for CEP members to see the data from the 85 students who completed the exam in fall 2010. If this smaller sample gave some evidence that it might be useful. Or give students a test in the first class and then see where the student places.

Action Item: CEP will request more information before a response is sent out to Chemistry. CEP will ask how requiring students in the major to take an exam will help with placement and which students will be required to take the exam as some transfer students will have already completed this requirement prior to entering UCSC .

III. Philosophy Religious Thought Concentration Discontinuance.

CEP members discussed the request from the Philosophy department to discontinue the concentration in Religious Thought based on an insufficient number of supporting faculty. An unanimous vote for discontinuance was taken by the faculty at their January 20, 2011 department meeting. Since this proposal is not based on budgetary issues CEP's authority will be final. CEP approves the discontinuance based on the faculty request as long as the remaining students will be able to get their degree in the major, with concentration if previously requested. CEP will request the Philosophy department to:

- Notify current student and perspective students;
- All students in program must be able to complete degree;
- Planning students should not be impeded in their ability to complete degree;
- Offer an optional pathway, many of the courses would still be here in the major;
- Given the concentrations small size, CEP regrets the loss, raising concerns for future majors.

Action Item: CEP will send a response to the VPAA. CEP's Approval should not be interpreted as being based on enrollment impact on the major.

IV. Politics Request Concerning Summer Session Courses for Major Requirements.

The coding of courses and their content must be of the same standard for regular class schedules. The numbering is the same in AIS and should satisfy the requirements as listed in the campus catalog. Offering the course in the summer should not change satisfying the requirements for the major.

Action Item: Politics is requesting a change to their major requirements when students take summer session courses for credit. CEP would not like to see more options taken away for students to complete their degree timely, current policy dictates that Politics should submit a change to their major instead of approving their request.

V. CAFA Honors Proposal.

CEP members started a discussion on CAFA's proposal and decided to finish commenting on the proposal and the request next week.

Action Item: CEP members decided to carry forward to the next meeting for further discussion.

VI. CEP's Continuing Discussion on Revising Policies on Selective Admission to a Major and Disqualification to Major carried forward to the next meeting due to lack of time.

So attests,

John Tamkun, Chair
Committee on Educational Policy