

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY  
MINUTES  
October 27, 2010  
Wednesday, 11 am-1:30 p.m., Kerr Hall, Room 307**

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

Absent: Cameron Fields (SUA), Elaine Kihara (Academic Preceptor Designee), Mark Cioc (Interim VPDUE),)

Guests: Cher Bergeon (sitting in for Elaine Kihara), Margie Claxton (Associate Registrar), Barbara Love (Articulation Officer), Michael McCawley (Associate Director of Admissions).

**I. Updates and Announcements**

At the Senate Meeting Barbara Rogoff agreed to work with CEP on the guidelines and not on an Enhanced grading proposal. The revised guidelines will stand alone and CEP decided in the future to encourage faculty to advise on how to write these. The committee would accept examples to be put on our web site separate from the guidelines. CEP will revisit this topic at another meeting after Barbara submits documentation. With CEP's approval Chair Tamkun will follow up with Barbara on the suggestion. The annual letter to department chairs with catalog statement check list should be sent out very soon.

At the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) meeting members discussed changes to health insurance plans and PEB. EVC/CP Galloway met with SEC and one of the issuers Chair Tamkun raised was impaction on major admissions The administration needs to work with the Senate and act on this now. Majors whose students get disqualified have to either leave UCSC without a degree or find another major so they can graduate. Before any measures can be put in place, CEP needs to see data.

CAFA will be re -visiting the Campus Honors program established in 2004, any decisions CAFA makes will be resource based and at the time of admission. Last year CAFA asked CEP to participate on a sub committee but there was no volunteers to do so given the GE reform workload.

Articulation Officer Barbara Love asked for volunteers to attend the Transfer Streamling meeting on designations for majors system-wide. Eileen will be going for Psychology, and Barbara will be contacting departments so UCSC is represented at these system-wide meetings.

**Review of consent agenda**

Petitions: 18 GE substitutions, 2 were denied. Six grade changes to "w" grade, these are late drops. Four others on waiver of credit and changing pass no pass to a grade for seniors to graduate.

**II. Bioengineering Admission and Disqualification Policy**

After Chair Tamkun recused himself, committee members began the following discussion. The policy documentation was in the external review, so CEP didn't review this last year. This is a relatively small major so there are no resource issues. Bioengineering has submitted a response to CEP based on last year's committee recommendations. The disqualification policy is in the catalog, technically, CEP can do nothing for this year and are not enforcing it since it was not approved, but

Bioengineering would like to have approval for immediate implementation. This is a process issue CEP will work on to help departments get documentation through the correct process map for future decisions.

Admissions:

The department requested an admissions GPA of 2.5 to 2.7 based on the increasing enrollments and would then raise the GPA to 3.0 for continuing students. Other School of Engineering (SOE) majors have GPAs of 2.8 for Electrical Engineering and 2.6 for Computer Engineering so 2.5 would be consistent with established programs in the school. CEP realizes the necessity of admissions policies and feels this admissions policy is consistent with the SOE based on past recommendations. The GPA and success in key lower division courses are the basis for the admissions policy. But some students are not successful in lower division but are in upper division courses.

**Action Item: CEP members voted to support the Bioengineering admissions policy of GPA 2.7 but not 3.0 for continuing students. CEP voted against the disqualification policy. A response letter will be sent from a committee member.**

Disqualifications:

CEP voted against this disqualification policy. Past practice has been to disqualify only for poor performance in certain courses that are central to success in the major, and this was seen as a pedagogically sound practice. In addition, disqualification should happen early in a student's career; this policy could potentially disqualify a senior during their quarter before graduation.

### **III. Interdisciplinary Topical Clusters**

CEP members felt the ITC could be beneficial for small departments to co-sponsor courses to help satisfy general education requirements including writing components C1 and C2. CEP wants ITC cluster courses to be based on sound educational value for the undergraduate experience. CEP members were not comfortable with having a bonus GE. An ITC cluster has three courses, one with a writing component, (C1 / C2 ), two or more GE courses<sup>1</sup> and then concurrently enroll for 8 credits, the students have to take all three courses to get the credit.

CEP discussed College Eight's Interdisciplinary Topical Clusters (ITC) proposal and after thoroughly reviewing and discussing the issues around the credits proposed for the series of courses, CEP is opposed to the proposal based on the committee's policy of double counting. CEP does not allow double counting of courses for the GE requirement.

**Action Item: CEP feels ITC could be useful in the future but voted not to approve this type of proposal this time. A response letter will be sent.**

### **IV. GE Credit for Transfer Students**

Barbara Love and Michael McCawley presented transfer credit issues that are affecting entering students for fall 2010. CEP needs to designate a member to decide the categories. CEP members approved courses were easy to articulate, but logic courses and programming are the difficult to assign. CEP agreed with the submitted designations from Michael and Barbara. General Education (GE) requirement, Disciplinary Communication (DC) cannot be transferred and will have to be requested by petition to CEP. Michael and Barbara will not assign designations but will bring issues to the attention of the committee and discuss on an individual basis. Literature 1 has been given the GE designation, Textual

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<sup>1</sup> CEP Annual Report 2008-2009 SCP1618.

Analysis and Interpretation (TA) for freshmen, but now it is necessary to decide for transfer students. Here are the member assignments:

	SI / PE-E / PE-T & IM
John Tamkun	/PR-C
Nathaniel Deutsch	TA / C1 / C2
Cormac Flanagan	MF / SR
Melissa Gwyn	IM / PR-C
Eric Porter	CC / ER
Eileen Zurbriggen	PE-H / PR-S / PR-E
Holly Gritsch Cordova	TA / C1 / C2
Lourdes Martinez-Echazabal	TA / C1 / C2

#### **V. Theater Arts GE Designation TA80Q**

CEP discussed changing the designation for Theater Arts 80Q, Queer Theater. The request is for the course to be Ethnicity and Race, (ER) instead of Cross-Cultural Analysis (CC). CEP agrees with the faculty of Theater Arts that a Queer Theater course raises important issues for the campus. We encourage the department to submit a revised course proposal for the ER designation that shows evidence that the course will include a substantive engagement with issues related to race and ethnicity as commonly defined and as understood in the Senate vote. The proposed course should also incorporate an intersectional perspective. We will be happy to consult with the department as it develops the course.

**Action Item: CEP will not change the current GE designation for Theater Arts 80Q. A response letter will be sent with CEP's recommendations and offer of help.**

#### **VI. Eliminate or Modify the One Year Limit on Grade Change**

CEP members support a change in legislation to modify the one year limit on grade change. Chair Tamkun will draft changes to the legislation and use an example from UCLA that committee member Pam Hunt-Carter (Registrar) will send to John. The draft document will be included in next week's agenda for review.

#### **VII. External Review of Psychology**

Chair Tamkun will be sending out the draft charge letter via email and members should review and add comments.

**Due to lack of time moved to the next meeting and complete via email**

#### **VIII. Finalize Course Approval Forms and Program Statements Check**

So attests,

John Tamkun, Chair  
Committee on Educational Policy