

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
MINUTES**

**JANUARY 11, 2006
12:15-1:45, KERR HALL RM 307**

Present: Heather Bullock, Pedro Castillo (Provosts Rep), Tim Fitzmaurice (Non-senate teaching faculty rep), Richard Hughey (Chair), Pamela Hunt-Carter (Registrar, ex-officio), Tracy Larrabee, Anatole Leikin, Roxanne Monnet (ASO staff), Jaye Padgett, John Tamkun.

Guests: Cher Bergeon (Preceptor Rep), Margie Claxton (Academic Editor), Bill Ladusaw (VPDUE), Michael McCawley (Associate Director, Admissions).

Absent: Floyd Amuchie (SUA representative).

I. Announcements and updates.

Ocean Sciences is in the process of developing changes to their OCEA 1 course to enhance the assessment of math skills via the final examination.

Tim Fitzmaurice, the non-senate teaching faculty rep for winter and spring 2006, was introduced.

Within 1-2 weeks the Committee will know whether or not the Feb 10 Academic Senate Meeting timeslot and venue may be used for a faculty forum on undergraduate retention.

The general education subcommittee will meet again in the next week.

CAFA would like more faculty participation in student recruitment. Opportunities will soon be made available to faculty.

The Committee on the Library proposed to the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) the formation of a taskforce on scholarly communication per a May 2005 senate resolution. Since UCOL is currently working on this topic, SEC tabled the taskforce request until its February 7 meeting.

The Senate's response to the University Extension Task Force report remains in pending status.

Due to teaching times for the current quarter, CEP members moved to meet from 12:15-1:45 p.m.

II. Minutes. The December 7 minutes were accepted as amended.

III. Calendar start dates for 2007-08.

UC has established common start dates for the full UC system. The Committee considered the pros and cons of a few options and provided input to the Registrar who will work with the other UC Registrars for the best possible dates for academic year 2007-08.

One recommendation is for UCSC to mandate a minimum of one working day prior the beginning of instruction. AY2009-10 may prove to be a challenging year since January 1 falls on a Friday.

IV. American Studies External Review

The Committee reviewed the draft letter and gave it their support.

V. Individual Majors: minimum GPA?

The Committee discussed the pros and cons of having a GPA cutoff for students proposing an individual major. The Committee decided not to set a specific threshold.

VI. W issues

The Committee considered the handout provided by VP/DUE Ladusaw regarding issues associated with the writing-intensive (WI) designation. Comments included the need to define “or equivalent” in the regulation, curriculum management issues, and the current practice of not allowing transfer satisfaction of the WI requirement except for students who meet the IGETC. A subcommittee was formed to develop objectives for the requirement, and Admissions Director McCawley was asked to consider, with Articulation Office Love, the issues surrounding transfer credit for WI.

VIII. Guidelines for the approval of concentrations and intensive majors.

Carried forward to a future meeting.

IX. Publication of Individual Majors in the catalog or other official campus publications.

Carried forward to a future meeting.

X. Executive Committee meeting.

The voting members of the Committee considered issues of committee structure and organization, and guest invitations.

Attest:

Richard Hughey, Chair
Committee on Educational Policy