

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY  
MINUTES**

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

Present: Heather Bullock, Tim Fitzmaurice (Non-senate teaching faculty rep), Richard Hughey (Chair), 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), Pedro Castillo (Provosts Rep), Pamela Hunt-Carter (Registrar, ex-officio).

**I. Announcements and updates.**

EVC Kliger has set aside \$1M for recruitment and retention of faculty.

Ranch View Terrace is currently scheduled to break ground spring 2006.

The 2005-06 enrollment numbers were 128 fewer than the goal of 15K. To reverse this situation, faculty involvement is needed toward admissions yield and retention.

The winter quarter Senate Meeting will occur on March 8 at 2:30 p.m. at Kresge Town Hall.

On March 9 there will be a symposium and reception for the new University Librarian Virginia Still at 4 p.m. in the Current Periodicals Room of the Science and Engineering Library.

**II. Minutes.** The minutes for February 15 and 22 were accepted as amended.

**III. Divisional Plans.**

Arts Division

Concern was expressed for the plight of the division with regarding to their shift from enrollment growth to no growth.

CEP would like to have seen an all-encompassing pedagogical statement for the division.

The Committee would like more information regarding use of non-senate teaching faculty. For example, what is the philosophy on TAS versus ladder rank faculty in arts? How well does it work?

CEP congratulates the Arts Division on their high retention rate and would like to learn more about how they achieved this success plus their plans to maintain it.

The Committee would like to know the number of degrees awarded per faculty FTE. What is the division's contribution toward the Gen Ed needs of the campus? What do they need to maintain their undergraduate degree programs? How big is the unmet need for student interested in taking arts courses?

The Committee acknowledges the division's difficulties in planning for future undergraduate programs due to lack of needed data as expressed in their plan.

The Committee would like the division to ensure that W courses are offered for majors.

#### Physical and Biological Sciences Divisional Plan

The Committee would like to know the number degrees awarded per faculty FTE.

Few comments were found related to the undergraduate degree programs in this divisional plan.

CEP would like the division to further discussion their use of TAS to meet enrollment needs. Is it a good thing or a bad thing? What do they think is the appropriate mix between TAS versus Faculty FTE?

The Committee encourages the division to plan for even more research experience for undergraduates than is mentioned in the plan. Concerns were expressed that a high amount of TAS use could negatively affect this.

The Committee would like the division to ensure that W courses are offered for majors.

#### **IV. Program Statements**

Carried forward to next week.

#### **V. Discussion regarding GE proposal**

VPDUE encouraged the Committee to consider a complete new model for general education at UCSC rather than modification of the existing structure, as provided for in the proposal the Committee received from the General Education Subcommittee.

Successful examples demonstrating the approach that he encourages the Committee to consider are in place at UCLA and Duke.

Questions and points of note from the conversation:

Does the subcommittee proposal clearly address what it is trying to accomplish and how the proposal address that goal?

Is double counting of GEs a problem? Use of AP credit to satisfy GEs is on the rise. To prevent double counting would force some students to take more GE courses than is currently the case.

Some studies are showing that students want to know what are the current intellectual problems and how are they being addressed at the universities that they may attend. They want interdisciplinary topics.

The WASC closing letter suggests that they expected UCSC to have a modern GE system next time the campus is reviewed.

Attest:

Richard Hughey, Chair  
Committee on Educational Policy