

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
MINUTES**

May 24, 2006

12:15-1:45, KERR HALL RM 307

Present: Heather Bullock, Pedro Castillo (Provost Rep), Tim Fitzmaurice (Non-senate teaching faculty rep), Jorge Hankamer, Pamela Hunt-Carter (Registrar, ex-officio), Tracy Larrabee (Chair, Pro Tem), Anatole Leikin, Roxanne Monnet (ASO staff), John Tamkun.

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

Absent: Floyd Amuchie (SUA representative), Richard Hughey (Chair).

I. Announcements

The legislative proposal to allow transfer credit for the Writing-Intensive requirement, and course to course transfer credit for the Topical requirement did not pass at the May 19 Senate Meeting.

The Committee was asked to plan for a longer meeting on June 14 (12:15-2:15). That will be the last meeting for this year's Committee.

II. Minutes. The March 17 minutes were accepted as amended.

III. Program Statement Review.

Ecology and Environmental Biology (EEB). A proposal to modify degree recruitments was recently submitted to CEP by EEB. The proposal applies to three majors: EEB, plant sciences, and marine biology. The Committee discussed some of the implications around moving the organic chemistry series from required to elective. They considered the request to change the physics requirement to the 7 series. The requested additions to the senior comprehensive list of courses was not discussed. It was noted that the request to change their degree name must go through VPAA Office but, as a minor change, CEP has no issue with it.

CEP acknowledges that the department did a good job of pulling together a vision for their majors. The Committee understands the reasoning for the requests and applauds the attention the department gave to its objectives and goals for undergraduate students. However, the Committee does not want to rush review of these requests for the upcoming catalog year. The divisional dean has indicated that he has not had the opportunity to consider the resource implications. There are a number of questions that need answering, and the time to make changes substantive to program statements for the 2006-08 hard-copy catalog has passed. Additionally, the campus is too far along with the enrollment and advising process for the upcoming term to make changes as significant as those proposed for fall 2006.

Committee expressed concern about the lateness of the request. At this point, CEP is too late to adequately consult with CPB, and the dean's support of the request has not been received. Given the need for more time to appropriately consider the implications of the requests, CEP specified that this topic is too late for further consideration for 2006-07. Next year's CEP will consider the request for catalog year 2007-08, after receiving the dean's support.

EEB/Env Studies feedback to AMS 5/7-7L. At its last meeting CEP considered the request by Environmental Studies and Ecology and Evolutionary Biology to require AMS 7-7L of their majors, rather than AMS 5. This was approved for Environmental Studies. Consideration of EE Biology's program statement change is deferred until their divisional Dean's Office has given its support to the requests for change. Today's discussion centered around CEP's request that these departments consider whether a AMS 7L could be designed that would work with AMS 5 such that students could bring transfer credit for AMS 5, as is currently the case, and combine it with AMS 7L to meet this requirement. CEP considered the feedback submitted by these departments as to how AMS 5, taught here or elsewhere, does not adequately substitute for AMS 7. It was noted that the lack of articulated courses for AMS 7 will have resource implications. There will be a need to increase the number of AMS 7 offerings to meet the EEB audience in particular.

CEP accepted their explanation of why the courses are different. The Committee would like the Applied Math and Statistics Program to respond to whether they think that students should be allowed to take both AMS 5 and 7 for credit, and whether they should be able to substitute for each other when students re-take courses for grade improvement.

CEP appreciates the efforts of these departments to work together to create a more flexible program for students in order that they may take more upper-division electives in the EE Biology, Marine Biology, and Plant Science majors.

IV. Outcome: bullet points for Richard to take to UCEP regarding summer session.

VPDUE Ladusaw apprised the committee of the history related to UC's attempts to regularize summer term. UCOP maintains that they promised the State that UC would meet certain targets for summer enrollment and for ladder-faculty participation. AAVP Galloway and VPDUE Ladusaw continue to work with the divisional deans regarding UCSC's participation.

CEP has repeatedly expressed their thinking that Summer Session needs to function the same as other quarters. The Committee acknowledges that Summer Session may be good for advertising and recruiting students. However, ladder-rank faculty do not participate for a number of valid reasons. One of which is the lower allocation of teaching assistant appointments that often occurs for summer teaching.

CEP has expressed concern regarding the amount of summer teaching done by graduate students. The Committee expressed concern that it is not realistic that a 5 week summer session course can achieve what one does over 10 weeks, especially given the lack of discussion sessions.

V. Extension of Enrollment.

Carry forward to a future agenda.

VI. BS proposals.

Carry forward to a future agenda.

VII. 19/20 units.

Carry forward to a future agenda.

VIII. Chancellor's and Dean's Lists.

VPDUE Ladusaw requested a decision by CEP regarding support, or lack thereof, for the Dean's and Chancellor's Lists. He apprised the Committee of the history of the program and its lack of staffing and resources. Under this program, students who maintained a 3.8 or better GPA (taking at least 12 units) were placed on the Dean's List. If students remained on the Dean's list for the full year, they were on the Chancellor's list. The largely manual process was time and resource intensive. The effectiveness of mailing letters to achieving program goals was questionable.

CEP considered the value of the program as it was. If the intent was to demonstrate that UCSC values good scholarship, the Committee wonders if this is the best way to achieve it. Adding to the concern is the disparity that exists between GPAs in different disciplines.

The Committee will encourage next year's CEP to consider the overarching topics of honors programs and ways to show students that UCSC does recognize the academic success of its top scholars.

CEP supports the request to suspend the Dean's and Chancellor's Lists program retroactive to 2004. The lapse in time was due to a lack of clarity regarding the need to vet such programs and changes to them through the Senate. CEP supports that it be removed from the upcoming catalog copy.

Attest,

Tracy Larrabee, Chair Pro Tem
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