

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
MINUTES**

June 7, 2006

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

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

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

Absent: Floyd Amuchie (SUA representative), Anatole Leikin.

I. Announcements and updates.

Chair Hughey gave the Committee an overview of the recent UCEP meeting. Topics included: appointment of a chief compliance officer to the Regents, a budget picture for next year (including a cost of living adjustment), a briefing regarding the California Teaching Initiative, the tabling of Riverside's School of Business Proposal, UCDC course approvals, summer session updates from each campus, and the proposal to modify titles associated with graduate student instructors.

II. Minutes. Notes from the May 31 meeting were discussed. Revisions will be reviewed next week.

III. Debrief on meeting with the Chancellor.

CEP discussed last week's meeting with the Chancellor. The feedback will be collected into a letter of thanks to the Chancellor. CEP is gratified about the Chancellor's intention to support interdisciplinary education by striving to reduce current obstacles. CEP expressed concern about classroom availability and instructional technology awareness among the faculty. The draft letter will be circulated via email for feedback.

IV. Earth 111 quantitative GE designation.

After review of course samples provided, CEP approved the request of the Earth Sciences Department to add the quantitative GE designation to course EART 111.

V. Extension of Enrollment.

This topic was continued from last week. Per the proposed plan, transfer credit after admission will be including in calculation an equivalent quarter for incoming transfer students. A final edit will be made, after which it will be sent to the Council of Provosts.

VI. 19/20 units.

The Committee was informed of that, historically, all requests to take greater than 19 units required a petition to the student's college. A couple of years ago, CEP enabled students in good standing to take 20 units after their first quarter; however, the available technology has not allowed it to be automated. Thus, although the process was simplified, it still required that students contact their college and that it be input manually.

CEP thinks that some high achieving freshmen want the freedom to take more than 19 units and should be enabled to do so without the need to go through a special effort each quarter.

UCLA has a policy of allowing all students with GPA of 3.0 or higher to enroll in greater than 19 units after their first quarter.

The Committee decided that effective with fall 2006, students with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher will be allowed to automatically enroll in up to 22 units, after their first quarter at UCSC. A message will be sent to provosts and preceptors, encouraging more flexibility when deciding whether or not to permit first quarter students to take greater than 19 units, especially for Regents Scholars and students entering with very high GPAs.

VII. Computer Sciences BS/MS proposal.

This topic is tabled until catalog copy is received through from the School of Engineering (SOE).

VIII. AMS Department Proposal.

The Committee supports the proposal for an Applied Math and Statistics Department. The AMS program is applauded for including a high amount of undergraduate education in their proposal for a department. It was noted that the involved faculty are primarily at the assistant professor rank. CEP will write to encourage continued collaboration between the units currently teaching math at UCSC.

IX. Writing-Intensive petitions--post quarter verification.

CEP considered the current writing-intensive petition requirement that instructors must verify that the petition was completed as originally planned for those petitions that are approved prior to the completion of the course. The Committee supports discontinuation of this practice. Effective immediately, the passing of the course will equal the passing of the writing-intensive designation.

X. University Extension topics - delegation of instructor appointments.

Carried forward to the next agenda.

XI. HS honors student and transfer credit toward topicals (per petitions)

Carried forward.

XII. Bioengineering BS proposal.

Chair Hughey recused himself from the continued discussion of the proposal for a BS in bioengineering. Professor Jorge Hankamer served as chair pro-tem. The proposal was submitted by the School of Engineering to VPAA Alison Galloway this week.

The Committee expressed concern about how well a program can be sustained without a home department. CEP would like clarity as to who will be responsible for the degree program should key individuals named in the proposal become unavailable to carry the responsibility. It was suggested that an informal letter go to VPAA Galloway with ideas including approval of the degree, with an enrollment capped at a number that fits within available resources (impacted status). The Committee supported the suggestion that departments and divisions who sponsor the required courses for this new degree track be asked to give their support in writing to reserving a certain number of seats in those courses for students in this program. Chair Pro Tem Jorge Hankamer will circulate a draft, informal letter to the Committee via email for finalization and sending before the end of this quarter

Attest,

Richard Hughey, Chair
Committee on Educational Policy