

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY MINUTES

October 3, 2007

1:45-1:45 p.m., Kerr Hall, RM 307

Present: Jamal Atiba (SUA rep), Joel Ferguson (provost rep), Russ Flegal, David Helmbold, Pamela Hunt-Carter (Registrar, ex-officio), Roxanne Monnet (ASO staff), Loisa Nygaard, Jaye Padgett (Chair), Sarah-Hope Parmeter (NSTF rep), Kip Tellez, Jack Vevea.

I. Announcements.

Chair Padgett reviewed for the Committee the topics discussed at the recent UCEP meeting. The upcoming raise for UC faculty was described in brief.

He apprised the Committee of the newly developed staff portal. EVC Kliger supports the creation of a similar faculty portal. The pages for the planned faculty portal modification are being developed. Faculty may participate in the initial decisions and should let Chair Padgett know if they would like to be involved.

CEP was reminded of the October 10 Forum on Professional Schools to occur at the Stevenson Event Center from 3-5 p.m. Five proposals are on the agenda.

The Committee was apprised of a special request received for an extension on the deadline for completion of the C2 requirement for ~15 students who did not get the advising that others did. CEP approved the one quarter extension request and asked how this can be avoided in the future. CEP wonders what happened and how can it be corrected. Chair Padgett will follow up with the Chair of the Writing Program.

The Committee was informed of the original vision for a task force on retention as a joint Senate/administrative committee. The current proposal is for an administrative committee, co-chaired by a CEP member. Since it will not be a joint Senate/administrative committee, the steering committee recommendations will be vet through the Senate. Since this is the desire of both the Senate and the administration, the CEP members agreed that this is good.

II. Invitation of standing guests.

The Committee discussed a list of names of possible guest invitees for the quarter and how these individuals aid in the work of CEP. The vote was unanimous to invite the following guests for fall quarter: Margie Claxton (Associate Registrar for Publications and Scheduling), Elaine Kihara (Academic Preceptor designee), Bill Ladusaw (VPDUE and Dean of Summer Session), Barbara Love (Articulation Officer), and Michael McCawley (Acting Director of Admissions).

III. Consultation and Confidentiality Statements.

CEP reviewed the confidentiality statement adopted by the 2006-07 CEP and discussed its points. The Committee voted to adopt it without change for the current year. They also reviewed the consultation

procedure used by last year's CEP and voted to adopt it unchanged for this year as well.

IV. Subcommittee Assignments.

CEP discussed subcommittee assignments. Concern was expressed regarding the lack of an Art Division representative. Chair Padgett expressed the hope that the subcommittee assignments will extend to areas of GE reform as they come up this year. For some areas, it would be desirable to enlist a guest from the Arts Division.

It was suggested that course approvals for the colleges and the Art Division be separate subcommittees. Provost Ferguson was invited and accepted to serve on the college subcommittee with the CEP Chair Padgett. With that exception, the list of subcommittee assignments was accepted.

V. Honors.

A handout was given to the Committee regarding University Honors with Latin designations. Last week's handout on honors provided by Chair Padgett was discussed, specifically item number 2 regarding Latin designations and related thresholds: 2 percent Summa Cum Laude, 5 percent Magna Cum Laude, 15 percent Cum Laude. It was noted for new members that UCSC is the only UC campus without an honors program. CEP discussed on what range of GPA history to base the honors thresholds, such as the mean or average of the last three spring quarters. Interest was expressed in looking at what is done at other UC campuses with regard to University honors. The Committee voted unanimously in support of Universitywide honors. More discussion will occur next week on the topic, and separate calculation will be considered for honors for the School of Engineering graduates, such as occurs at UCB. Although there would be some imbalance across campus given discipline-specific differences in GPA, GPA thresholds appear to be the only realistic way to automate University honors designations.

While University honors at graduation are important to UCSC's public appeal, it is not likely to help much with retention of first and second year students, whereas reinstating the Dean's List should. CEP gave general support to reinstate the Dean's Honors List which will be discussed in more detail next week.

CEP plans to annually monitor college and departmental honors. The Registrar indicated that the information is available through AIS. The Committee discussed publicizing percentages of departmental/college honors at graduation. The Registrar will get back to Chair Padgett with a date by which data from last year's college and departmental honors will be available.

The Committee was reminded of the requirement to vet minimum honors standards through the Senate and put them into Divisional Regulations per SR 640.B. Draft legislation regarding honors will be discussed next week.

VI. Annual issues list.

CEP reviewed a draft issues list for the year. Workload and prioritization of issues was discussed. The items given priority for the year are solving the problem with access to writing-intensive curriculum and general education reform.

Members discussed whether to each visit a certain number of department faculty meetings (6 each?) for approximately 30 minutes. CEP will create a presentation for use at those meetings.

CEP decided to invite the academic deans to a meeting this quarter and to invite Chancellor Blumenthal and CP/EVC Kliger to another meeting, both to discuss GE reform.

Among the topics that CEP may consider this year, time permitting, is how the course approval process could connect with a campuswide curriculum project that is just getting under way.

The group agreed that they need to ensure that word gets out regarding Academic Integrity policies and procedures, and to keep this topic in mind throughout the year.

VII. Members Items.

Members were invited to send their suggested agenda items to the Chair via email.

VIII. Process Orientation.

Process overview for course approvals and individual majors was carried forward to the next meeting.

So attests,

Jaye Padgett, Chair
Committee on Educational Policy