

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY MINUTES

**February 4, 2009
Wednesday, 11 am-1:30 p.m., Kerr Hall, Room 307**

Present: Linda Burman-Hall, Holly Cordova (NSTF Rep), Dave Helmbold, Pam Hunt-Carter (Registrar, *ex officio*), Roxanne Monnet (ASO analyst), Loisa Nygaard, Jaye Padgett (Chair), Matthew Palm (SUA Rep), Don Potts, Ravi Rajan (Provost Rep), Shawn Riley (SUA Rep), Eileen Zurbriggen.

Guests: Margie Claxton (Associate Registrar), Elaine Kihara (Academic Preceptor Designee).

I. Announcements, updates, and minutes.

The letter of response to the Astronomy and Astrophysics external review was confirmed as ready for sending.

Campus Provost/Executive Vice Chancellor (CPEVC) Klinger has established a number of advisory groups to advise him in how to respond to upcoming budget cuts. Chair Padgett has been asked to participate on the Instruction Workgroup and reviewed the recent meeting for CEP. It is anticipated that: some non-continuing lecturers will not be called back, course offerings will be reduced, some course offerings will be expected to grow, more classes will be taught outside of the prime time slots in order to offer more large classes in existing space, and the printed schedule of classes is likely to be discontinued. Whether there are opportunities to use summer session to save costs or use of Saturday as a teaching day are being discussed. Departments will be asked to fill classes to room capacity. On-line classes may be a way to save costs. Soon CEP will consider the report received on the on-line section of Anthropology 3. CEP briefly discussed possible issues caused by elimination of the print schedule. As classes become more impacted, it is anticipated that students will do more class crashing, making it very important that students have access to the information around campus. Kiosks using older computers to display schedule information was suggested. A member noted that prior to AIS people could see the number of seats available and the number of students enrolled in classes. In AIS now, only whether the class is full is displayed.

Chair Padgett attended the Alumni Association/UCSC Foundation dinner last Friday along with campus and Senate leadership. Alumni expressed significant interest and support for the Disciplinary Communication (DC) proposal and for the Interdisciplinary Topical Cluster (ITC) idea. They see the ITC idea as a college renewal opportunity.

The University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP) met by phone on Monday. They discussed the UOEAP reorganization proposal. President Yudof yielded to campus feedback that the proposal was moving forward too fast. In response, a taskforce will be formed to consider the recommendations further. The proposal to change eligibility review for UC admission is up for a vote by the Regents today. UC decided to take a reduction in the number of frosh by 2300 and to increase transfer student admits by 500. President Yudof did not support UC Berkeley's proposal for differential fees for students, although the idea is still being

considered for students with non-resident status. The UC Davis School of Nursing was approved. They received a \$100M private gift which should cover two-thirds of the cost. The remaining one-third of the cost is assumed to be coming from the state within a couple of years.

Member Potts who sits on the AIS steering committee indicated that at its recent meeting the group discussed feedback received from faculty. He anticipates upcoming improvements to AIS and will report back to CEP after each meeting.

The December 10 minutes were accepted as amended.

Matt Palmer, Student Union Assembly (SUA) Commissioner of Academic Affairs and Representative to CEP, organized meetings of the UCSC college governments to vote on resolutions in support of the proposed DC general education requirement. The college governments who have already met are in support of the proposal. Students with privilege of the floor are being encouraged to express their support at the upcoming Senate Meeting. Representatives of CEP were invited to meet with students about the proposed Ethnicity and Race requirement.

II. Feedback from the Theater Arts external review closure meeting.

CEP was apprised of the recent Theater Arts external review closure meeting. Presently Shakespeare Santa Cruz has the status of a professional theater company in residence at UCSC. The need to better connect the director of Shakespeare Santa Cruz to the campus was discussed. His appointment as a Research Associate was suggested in the closure meeting. Presently the Theater Arts Department does not have a role in considering and managing the contract for Shakespeare Santa Cruz. A particular issue is the winter Shakespeare Santa Cruz production due to issues of competition for space.

David Yager has accepted the offer to be the new dean of the Arts Division. He will start next academic year. CEP will recommend to next year's CEP that they invite Dean Yager to a meeting to discuss such topics as Theater Arts' relationship with Digital Arts and New Media.

III. Non-writing general education topics.

Members discussed which general education (GE) topics should be required for all students. Some currently under discussion include statistical reasoning, formal/quantitative reasoning, textual analysis, ethnicity and race, visual/arts/performance, and scientific inquiry.

Areas for possible choice were also discussed which may include such categories as creative process, environmental awareness, human behavior, cross-cultural awareness, service learning, collaborative work, and understanding technology. CEP thinks that a group of options intended to enrich students' educational experience would be valuable and appealing.

It was noted that in last year's department meetings, faculty were against a service learning requirement for all students because doing the requirement well would be labor-intensive, especially for oversight. Some colleges consider service learning as one criterion for giving college honors.

The possible Creative Process requirement was discussed. CEP considered how broadly to define creativity. Although CEP agrees that there is creativity in research, most often students need preparatory courses to get to the level where research creativity occurs—usually at the upper-division, such as advanced lab work. In the sciences, such a requirement might overlap with the capstone. If creativity were to be limited to the arts, concern was expressed regarding available capacity to provide for the requirement. The Acting Arts Dean confirmed that that division cannot support a universal studio art requirement. Similarly, the existing creative writing class is too expensive to enlarge significantly due to the need to maintain a workable TA-to-student ratio. CEP discussed allowing collaborative work and reducing the requirement to a two-credit minimum.

The importance of letting students know why the faculty think the set of GE requirements being proposed is right for them was discussed and will be reflected in the proposal.

In coming weeks CEP will continue its work on labels and descriptions for the general education proposal.

IV. February 18 Senate Meeting presentations.

At its next meeting CEP will discuss the presentations to be made at the February 18 Senate Meeting (DC proposal with legislation and GE reform update). Members decided that an FAQ document was a good idea for a handout at the meeting, a draft of which will be circulated over the weekend for Committee consideration. The Committee on Planning and Budget will provide an analysis on the funding proposal for DC shortly. CEP will make the funding proposal part of the presentation. It is hoped that the administration will confirm support for the funding proposal in advance of the Senate Meeting.

V. SCR 6.5 Independent Studies.

The University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP) discussed SR 764 which limits the number of special studies courses undergraduates may take. UCSC's variance allows students to enroll in up to 15 credits in one quarter (with department and college approval) and, under special circumstances, some students may have a second quarter. UCEP is not yet ready to decide whether to propose a change to SR 764. Each campus was asked to review the situation at their campus for future discussion in UCEP.

CEP will continue the discussion of next actions at a future meeting and may propose a modified regulation in the spring. In the meantime, the Committee on Rules, Jurisdiction, and Elections will proceed to write to the University Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction regarding the meaning of "special studies" in SB 764 and whether "and" could be interpreted as "and/or" in UCSC's variance.

So attests,

Jaye Padgett, Chair
Committee on Educational Policy