Committee on Educational Policy
MINUTES
Wednesday, April 06, 2016
Kerr Hall Room 307, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Present: Doris Ash, Faye Crosby, Matt Guthaus, Erica Halk (NTSF Rep.), Dee Hibbert-Jones, Seamus Howard (SUA Rep.), Sean Keilen, (Provost Rep.), Matthew Mednick (staff), Tonya Ritola, Vanessa Sadsad (SUA Rep.), Tchad Sanger (Registrar,(ex-officio), Felicity Schaeffer, John Tamkun, (Chair), Susanna Wrangell (staff).

Absent: None.

Guests: Preceptor Representative Burroughs, Associate Registrar Claxton, VPDUE Hughey, Articulation Officer Love, and Writing Program Chair Shearer.

I. Announcements:
Chair Tamkun updated members on the new software that will allow advisors to communicate with each other for comprehensive advising with students between the colleges and the departments.

Consent Agenda items approved this week:
Petitions this week: GE substitutions 17, late add/drop 3, other 3, w grades 2, grade option 2, GSI 1.
Minutes for March 2, 2016 and the following correspondence:
CEP to VPAA re: Sociology Minor Suspension Recommendation April 6, 2016.
CEP to Writing Program re: Grade Option Change Request Approval April 6, 2016.

II. Santa Cruz Senate Regulation (SCR) 10.5.2
This is the regulation that governs ELWR satisfaction for our students. The Committee invited Writing Program Chair, Heather Shearer to consult with CEP before any changes were presented to the Senate. Members were apprised on how students who are ELWR required satisfy the requirement once enrolled at UCSC. Students take the AWPE exam prior to enrollment in fall quarter and are assessed. Those who score 8 or higher are placed in ELWR-satisfied sections of Core (C1), and those who score 6 or below are placed in ELWR-required sections of Core (C1). Students in ELWR-required sections can satisfy ELWR through a portfolio review of their work from the Core course. The Writing Program staff review each student’s work and score it according to a holistic rubric. The Writing Program faculty have found that using this assessment method to be effective.

Last year CEP consulted with the Committee on Preparatory Education (CPE) and both determined a student should satisfy the ELWR requirement as a prerequisite to a C1 composition course. After a brief discussion, members removed outdated language and revised the policy to suggest that students must satisfy ELWR before enrolling in a C1 Composition course. Members will send the revised regulation to the Committee on Rules, Jurisdiction, and Elections to review before the spring Senate meeting.
III. Review VPAA’s Policy Draft Academic Programs and Units: Policy and Procedures Governing Establishment, Disestablishment, and Change
This will be the first of several discussions for review of the policy for Academic Programs and Units: Policy and Procedures Governing Establishment, Disestablishment, and Change on proposed changes. Analyst Wrangell will put members’ comments into a word document and place on Google Drive for review and additional language changes.

IV. Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB) Department Program Statement
Members read over the department summary letter. As decided at its meeting, CEP will hold the line on late submissions and only review changes that would be beneficial to students.

- CEP approves changing the prerequisite for BIOL 20A: retaining Chem 1A and removing Chem 1B.
- As with MCD Biology, CEP will not approve the requested changes to the numbering of the introductory Biology courses BIOL 20A and BIOE 20C since it would necessitate a significant number of changes to other program statements, campus web pages, articulation agreements, and other documents without altering the content of the courses or providing tangible benefits to students. We believe that the goal of the proposed changes could be better accomplished through advising.
- CEP supports and approves the addition of the new Physics 7 series (A/B/L).
- Evidence of stakeholder consultation with the Environmental Studies Department will be required for the proposed addition of ENVS 125 under the EEB B.S. major.
- Evidence of stakeholder consultation with MCD Biology Department will be required for the addition of BIOL 101 under the Biology B.A. major.
- CEP will review or approve the proposed DC changes this year and will recommend consulting with the committee early fall quarter next year.
- CEP approved changes to the list of courses that satisfy the senior comprehensive requirement.
- CEP requests language changes, such as revising “introductory” and “advanced” requirements to “lower-division” and “upper-division” requirements in order to have program statement consistency with other departments.

V. Follow up: Education for sustainable Living Course Revisions for CLEI 61, 160, and 161
Members reviewed this request at its December 2 meeting. The College Eight Provost has addressed CEP’s concerns in his response. Members appreciated the College addressing our concerns on student assessment in the courses and will offer to change the grading option from pass/no pass to the default student grading option if this is desired by the College.

VI. SIO Proposal: Process for Study Abroad Students move ahead due to lack of time

*SIO Ferguson is proposing the establishment of a process at UCSC for study abroad. Specifically, he proposes requirements for international non-degree students coming to UCSC for short term study and for granting credit for UCSC students studying abroad. Members will review the submitted correspondence/proposal and deliberate a response.*

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