

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, March 8, 2017
11 am-1:30 p.m., Kerr Hall, Room 307**

Present: Anthony Ballesteros (SUA Rep.), Jeff Bury, Manel Camps (Provost Rep.), Gina Dent (CCI Chair), David Draper, Suresh Lodha, Onuttom Narayan, Tonya Ritola, Tchad Sanger (Registrar, *ex-officio*), John Tamkun, (Chair), Kim Van Le (Senate Analyst), Lynn Westerkamp, Susanna Wrangell (Senate Analyst), Jessica Xu (SUA Rep.).

Absent: Leslie Lopez (NTSF Rep.), Beth Stephens.

Guests: Margie Claxton (Associate Registrar), Ethan Hutchinson(Preceptor Rep.).

I. Announcements

Senate Meeting Presentation Today at Stevenson Event Center from 2:30-5:00, The UCEP Meeting debrief was moved to next week.

Consent Agenda

- Program Statements were approved for the following:
Arts: Film & Digital Media
Social Science: Education

Draft Minutes January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2017, were moved to next week's meeting.

II. Post Consultation Discussion: Campus Curricular Project Moved to next week's meeting.

III. Review Mid Cycle Report for LALS

Members reviewed the LALS Department's mid-cycle report which addresses faculty workload, research, fund raising, the graduate program, and the addition of a Portuguese language course in the undergraduate curriculum. CEP is recommending the proposed 8 year cycle and praises the departments interdisciplinary approach recruiting more faculty across the Social Sciences and Humanities Divisions as well as their efforts to make UCSC part of the McNair Foundation.

IV. Program Statements

Chemistry and Biochemistry:

Members are not sure why there are additional courses for the Disciplinary Communication (DC) requirement. Students should be able to take a course that is both a major requirement and satisfies the DC general education requirement (GE). Having many choices can create a loophole for students who may think they have finished the major but may not have completed the DC requirement.

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology: The Program appears to be adding an additional course to their major qualification policy defacto. Chemistry 1A is a prerequisite for Chem 1C, one of the major requirements. CEP suggests just adding a note for clarity that this course is a prerequisite instead of adding another course to their qualification policy. If the program does want to add Chem 1A, then a revised MQP would need to be submitted and the program can make changes after their MQP review next year.

V. Proposal to Discontinue B.S. in Physics Education

Members reviewed this routine request. There are currently no students in the major nor any resource implications involved. Members unanimously approved the discontinuance of the B.S. in Physics Education. Member Narayan was recused from discussion and decision.

VI. Proposal for a B.S. in Science Education

Before any discussion or decision took place, Member Narayan was recused. CEP has final authority over approvals for a new major degree program. While this major does have many course requirements, it was developed based on criteria requested by the state for students who would like to teach science in the high schools and require a broad knowledge of science, which is required when students take the CSET required tests for the teaching credential. If this major is approved then the other pathways for the former major will also be discontinued: Earth Sciences and Biology Education pathways. While this major is revenue neutral, CEP encourages the Physical and Biological Sciences Division to monitor the major and consider discontinuing this offering due to low interest. CEP applauds the Division and Department goals to help students who are interested. Members are prepared to approved this major after CEP receives CPB's feedback on the proposal.