

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

MINUTES

January 30, 2019

10:40 a.m.-1:10 p.m.

307 Kerr Hall

Present: Noriko Aso (CCI Chair, ex-officio), Bruce Cooperstein, Noah Finnegan, Joy Hagen (NSTF Representative), Rebecca Hurdis (Senate Analyst), Dongwook Lee, Onuttom Narayan (Chair), Tchad Sanger (University Registrar, ex-officio), Megan Thomas, Micah Perks, Lauren Woo (SUA Rep).

Guests: Deputy Registrar Margie Claxton, Deputy, Associate Registrar Kalin McGraw.

Absent: Needhi Bhalla, Preceptor's Representative Emily Burt, Elisabeth Cameron and Matthew Mednick (ASO Director)

I. Announcements and Consent Agenda

The following consent agenda items were approved:

- 1/16/19 and 1/23/19 Minutes
- Discontinuance of the Environmental Chemistry concentration in the Chemistry major
- Letters
 - o CEP to VPAA re Art External Review
 - o CEP to VPDUE re Admissions
 - o CEP to CSE Department re Program Statement
 - o CEP to VPAA re Environmental Studies Concentrations

Chair announced that the February 6, 2019 meeting would be cancelled and instead CEP will meet on March 20, 2019.

II. Electrical and Computer Engineering Department Program Statement

Committee reviewed the Electrical and Computer Engineering and Robotics Program Statements.

Action: Letter to be sent to the Electrical and Computer Engineering that list the corrections that need to be made.

III. Psychology Department Program Statements

Committee reviewed the Psychology and Cognitive Science Program Statement.

Action: Letter to be sent to the Psychology department that list the corrections that need to be made.

IV. Preconsultation re Career Center

Committee members discussed the information provided regarding the Career Center in preparation of the consultation with the Career Center Director Silverthorne and VPSS Padgett.

V. Discussion with VPSS Padgett and Director Silverthorne

The limitations of the UCOP salary data and of salary as a measure of success were discussed. However, with these caveats, it would be desirable to improve salaries of UCSC students after graduation.

Concern was expressed about limited opportunities for students in some divisions through the Career Center. Director Silverthorne pointed out that there are a lot of business opportunities for students from all divisions in their career fairs, even if they are not directly linked to their disciplines. Lack of student confidence is also a problem. The Career Center has come up with a list of recognized competencies for “career readiness”, in which our students should be trained.

Members asked specifically how the Career Center supports Arts and Humanities students. Director said that for graduate students, there was collaboration with CITL and the Humanities Institute. Director noted that art and humanities students often feel like career fairs are not relevant but there are business opportunities. Members continued to advance the conversation by questioning the availability of internships.

VPSS Padgett provided his perspective about what the new AVC for Career Success — currently in recruitment — would achieve. The committee was doubtful about whether this should be prioritized ahead of people on the ground. The committee also felt that the Strategic Plan was weak.

It was noted that salaries of Career Center counselors are low, resulting in high turnover. We also have a much smaller group compared to, for example, UC Santa Barbara. Moreover, after the redesign of facilities, there will be no dedicated space for interviews after the Career Center is fully staffed.

VI. Commencement Discussion with AVCCHEs Matthews, VPSS Padgett and Assistant Director of College Student Life Operations Dani Barker

AVC Matthews and Assistance Director Barker discussed the logistic challenges when considering the future academic calendar for commencement. The committee was of the opinion that it is important to retain a three-day commencement weekend instead of expanding it to four days, and that it seems possible to accommodate all essential events in those three days.