

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
MINUTES
May 22, 2019
10:40 a.m.-1:10 p.m.
307 Kerr Hall

Present: Noriko Aso (CCI Chair, ex-officio), Preceptor's Representative Emily Burt, Needhi Bhalla, Elisabeth Cameron, Manel Camps (Provost Rep), 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, Lauren Woo (SUA Rep)

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

Absent: Matthew Mednick (ASO Director), Lily Moser (SUA Rep), Micah Perks

I. Announcements and Consent Agenda

- Art Department external review; supplemental questions
- BSOE Primary Program Statement
- Letters
 - CEP to Stevenson Provost
 - CEP to VPAA re Earth Sciences (Env Geology)
 - CEP to VPAA re CSE enrollment management plan
 - CEP re Individual Major (French & Francophone studies)

Chair announced that following week's meeting will be cancelled.

II. Revised Proposal for ECE Minors

Committee revised, discussed the revised proposal for ECE minors. CEP asked that the BIOE 20B and CHEM 1A courses be restored to the Assistive Technology Minor, after which it could be approved. For Bioelectronics and Biophotonics, the committee felt that there were too many required courses. It requested that a set of four courses be deleted, or that the department provide evidence of comparable minors at other institutions and identify UCSC majors that might be interested in this minor.

Action: Correspondence to be sent to VPAA.

III. 2019-20 Program Statements for CSE Majors

Members reviewed the 5 revised program statements for the CSE department.

Action: Correspondence to be sent to CSE Chair.

IV. Revised Bylaws for Computer Science: Computer Game Design Major

CSCGD has revised their bylaws to address CEP's comments about Computational Media Senate faculty not having a voice in the governance of the program. Committee reviewed and approved bylaw revisions.

Action: Correspondence to be sent to VPAA.

V. Shortened Self-Study for External Review

VPAA is open to CEP proposing how to shorten the undergraduate curriculum parts of the self-study that departments prepare for an external review. (This is in the context of the History of Consciousness Department, where the administration is asking that the external review proceed next year.)

The committee felt that, for the case of History of Consciousness, the discussion of the undergraduate program in the overview could be omitted.

The committee recommended considering if the section dubbed “Faculty Recruitment Plan,” which is a set of questions for the department to answer, could instead be a set of questions as guidelines to the department and the ERC, whose answers the department should — as appropriate — include in Section I, and dispense with the Faculty Recruitment Plan. This possibility has to be discussed with the VPAA and GC. For the case of History of Consciousness, CEP should leave it to GC and the VPAA to consider whether this is a desirable change.

The committee also recommended considering if the list of course offerings for the past three years was sufficiently useful to be worth the effort, unless it was automatically generated from the CCLP.

Action: Correspondence will be sent to VPAA.

VI. Aligned Major Planners

With program statement review complete, committee members looked at the majors that they have expertise in to see if it is possible to develop common first-year planners for clusters of majors. These need not coincide with divisional boundaries (e.g. there may be a common set of courses that work for Chemistry, MCDB, EEB and Earth Sciences, but not Physics or Mathematics) and a single major could belong to multiple clusters. Members agreed that this could potentially work in the PSci Division and BSOE, and that general advice could be provided for some of the other divisions.

Action: Members to draft suitable advisories for other divisions.