

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
MINUTES

Wednesday, October 10, 2018
10:40 a.m.-1:10 p.m., Kerr Hall, Room 307

Present: Noriko Aso (CCI Chair, ex-officio), Needhi Bhalla, Elisabeth Cameron, Manel Camps (Provost Rep.), Bruce Cooperstein, Noah Finnegan, Joy Hagen (NSTF Representative), Rebecca Hurdis (Senate Analyst), Dongwook Lee, Matthew Mednick (ASO Director), Onuttom Narayan, (Chair), Micah Perks, Tchad Sanger (University Registrar, ex-officio), Megan Thomas, Lauren Woo (SUA Rep).

Guests: Preceptor's Representative Emily Burt

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

I. Announcements

Chair Narayan reported on the UCEP meetings he attended. He discussed the signed memorandum of understanding between the Chancellor of Community Colleges and UCOP regarding guaranteed transfer admissions, and that this was likely to happen soon in some form. There was also a request from UCEP to CEP's at each division to consider creating a petition process for cross-campus enrollment requests that are not allowed under campus regulations or policies; UCSC allows such petitions already, and a draft letter to UCEP will be in the consent agenda in a week or two. Cross-campus enrollment in online courses is different from online courses for our students on our campus, and should be viewed differently.

The Chair asked the University Registrar for an update about Smart Catalog's timeline. The University Registrar informed the committee that his office had a productive conversation with the President of Smart Catalog. They will hopefully have a more detailed timeline by next week.

The following consent agenda items were approved:

- Minutes for 10/03/18
- Policy re Summer Session Prerequisites
- Letter to Chair, Statistics re STAT 5 & 7

II. Transfer Students Changing Majors

Members reviewed draft letter (based on 9/26 discussion) and VPDUE's response requesting reconsideration. The central discussion regarding transfer students changing majors focused on determining the balance between potentially creating additional barriers for transfer students versus students undermining the screening requirements. Since transfer students are given an extra quarter to support their transition to UC, and from this year UCSC is allowing students to opt for a second-choice major if they are not admitted to their first-choice, we are seeing students entering UCSC with the intention of moving from their proposed major to their first-choice major when declaring

because they are able to use their first quarter to satisfy their desired major qualifications. Under the current regulation, this is permissible without requiring the consent of the receiving department. Other negative factors associated with this are: time to degree, pursuing two possible major tracks without being fully prepared or successful in either, and further strains on impacted or nearly impacted majors and programs.

Action: Committee vote was taken regarding:

- If a major program has major preparation requirements for junior/senior transfer students, the program sponsoring unit may request that transfer students entering UCSC as proposed/declared in a different major and wish to change to their major must obtain their permission. Such provisions will be included in the program statements in the General Catalog.

The vote results were 7 in agreement and 1 in opposition. A letter to VPUDE will be on next week's consent agenda.

III. Legislative Changes for Fall Senate Meeting

CEP reviewed the draft legislation and policies regarding:

- Deadline to add courses late.
- ELWR and C deadline; GE substitution
- Major Declaration Deadline.
- Grade option changes.

Action: Committee approved the legislation to be submitted to the Academic Senate for the Fall Meeting. The wording of the first item (deadline to add courses late) was incomplete, and a draft would be placed on the consent agenda for next week.

IV. Policy Regarding Guidelines for Multiple Majors and Minors

The committee continued from last meeting the discussion on creating guidelines for consistency in standards across departments. Chair Narayan recused himself from this agenda item. CCI Chair Aso acted as Chair pro tem.

Committee discussed whether or not the issue of distinctness between multiple majors should be under the judgement and discretion of the departments rather than CEP. A few members raised why CEP fundamentally care about how two different majors are if course work is being completed. It was determined that some limits should be set up to ensure distinctiveness between majors. Members discussed whether it should be a number of credits or percentage that is the lowered threshold to be included in the guidelines.

The conversation moved to how students who have multiple majors (currently about 25% single majors with a minor, double majors, and triple majors) typically exceed normative time to graduation. This not only potentially displaces another student from being at UCSC but also includes invisible costs that are unrealized to stay to complete double majors. There was additional concern that students perceive having multiple majors as having more value than in actuality and

that the incentive is misguided. The committee agreed that this should be communicated to departments and included in the guidelines.

The majority of committee members articulated the need for when departments propose a new major, they will need to justify the distinctness from the others they offer.

Action: Chair pro-tem Aso will create a document of the guidelines for the committee to contribute.