

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
MINUTES

January 9, 2019
10:40 a.m.-1:10 p.m.
307 Kerr Hall

Present: Noriko Aso (CCI Chair, ex-officio), Needhi Bhalla, Elisabeth Cameron, 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: Preceptor's Representative Emily Burt, Deputy, Associate Registrar Kalin McGraw.

Absent: Deputy Registrar Margie Claxton, Manel Camps (Provost Rep)

I. SmartCatalog Review Tool

The Curriculum Management Team demonstrated to CEP the review tool for members to start reviewing program statements in the new SmartCatalog system.

II. Announcements and Consent Agenda

The following consent agenda was approved:

- Course code request for Arabic and Persian

Chair informed committee that the VPAA has submitted the Mid-Cycle Reviews for CEP to respond by March 1, 2019,

III. College Scholars Program

Subcommittee presented their research regarding UCSC's College Scholars Program and comparable programs nationally to determine CEP's recommendations for this undergraduate program. It is up to the individual College Provosts to determine if they want to participate in the program. Cowell, Crown, Merrill and Porter colleges participate and it is currently and primarily funded by a Koret grant. The unreliability of grant funding makes expansion to all 10 colleges challenging.

Matt O'Hara, the Director of the College Scholars program spoke with members the growth and challenges of the program. The program at UCSC grapples with issues regarding inclusion and elitism. This has encouraged a second cohort that invited students with a 3.3 GPA and a fall quarter letter of recommendation to apply. The second cohort is much more diverse than the cohort that are invited through the admissions process.

Director O'Hara discussed the challenges of data regarding how well the current program is working because there have been so many fluctuations to the program that it is difficult to measure. When it first began it had 40 students and now with both cohorts there are 400 students. He remarked that there is a scalability issue associated with growth in regard to the content and offerings of the program.

Some committee members inquired if having a program for transfer students should be considered (since transfers are unable to participate currently given that it's focus is on the first 2 years). They also asked about staffing and if the program needs an officer/grant writer. There was a discussion regarding the benefits of a summer program but it was observed that it is premature to develop.

Members discussed whether or not to ask departments to consider having an Honors discussion (although the Registrar needs to determine whether or not this is possible). Departments would determine what courses (primarily lower division) would be available and then the instructors could decide if they were open to it. Members expressed that removing higher proficient students from sections could erode the overall collaborative learning practices that occur in sections.

CEP proposes:

- To support asking central funding (\$300K) to stabilize and expand the program, and request VPDUE Hughey that this be part of his resource request for next year.
- To ask departments to consider providing suitable opportunities for honors students, especially a thesis capstone.
- To contact COLASC about granting graduate student library borrowing privileges to College Scholars.
- To request the Director of the College Scholars Program to look into whether a pre-matriculation summer component would be useful for the program, and the possibility of group faculty mentoring.
- To emphasize the importance of diversity and inclusion in the College Scholars Program.

Action: Letter to be sent to VPDUE Hughey regarding CEP's opinion of the College Scholars Program

IV. Impaction

Committee discussed the possible measures of impaction and the letter of suggestions from VPDUE Hughey for how to deal with it. Chair also discussed the collaboration of a CEP, CPB, CAAD and CAFA subcommittee that is looking at the issues of impaction.

Members agreed that there were generally good ideas in the letter from the VPDUE. The discussion turned to focus on the opposite issue of under-enrollment in the Humanities. The Chair informed the committee of a recent discussion on this topic that he had with the Dean of Humanities. Members spoke about possible collaborations across divisions and departments.

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