

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
MINUTES

January 15, 2020
10:40 a.m.-1:10 p.m.
307 Kerr Hall

Present: Douglas Bonett, Manel Campus, Provost Representative, Kate Edmunds, Joy Hagen (NSTF Representative), Lindsay Hink (CCI Chair, ex officio), Rebecca Hurdis (Senate Analyst), Dongwook Lee, Ronnie Lipschutz, Pradip Mascharak, Richard Montgomery, Onuttom Narayan (Chair), Tonya Ritola, Tchad Sanger (University Registrar, ex-officio), Matt Wagers

Guests: Deputy Registrar Margie Claxton, Associate Registrar Kalin McGraw, Preceptor's Representative Winnie Tang

I. Consent Agenda

The following were approved:

- Program Statement Letters
 - Linguistics
 - Economics
 - MCD Biology
 - ECE
- CEP to iCP/EVC and VPAA re Classroom
- CEP to VPAA re Accounting
- CEP to Registrar re Posthumous Certificate of Attendance

During announcements, the chair informed the committee about a systemwide RFP from UNEX for degree completion and if UC Santa Cruz would accept this proposal. Committee had a brief discussion about the recent AVPDUE job announcement and the possible impact this would have on the Colleges and Provosts. The chair also asked members if they want to review and respond to the systemwide report regarding UC Washington Center.

Action: Correspondence to be sent.

II. Agroecology B.A. Resubmission

Committee members discussed the revised proposed Agroecology B.A. major. They noted that there was still no mention of future funding for advising positions. Committee members felt that the department had answered the Senate's questions and the B.A. should be approved. The department will need to discontinue their agroecology concentration.

Action: Correspondence to be sent to the VPAA.

III. Global Musics Concentration Resubmission

The committee discussed the resubmission of the Global Musics concentration. There is still strong concern that a ten-module plan is too ambitious in that there are limited resources available to the department, impacting course offerings. Members expressed caution about whether or not students

would potentially get stuck. The committee supported the idea of this concentration, but decided to ask the department to make the modules recommended instead of required.

The committee also discussed the current Jazz minor and if it reliably offers enough courses for students to complete this minor. This minor was flagged by the last External Review Committee. Several courses required for the minor have been offered very infrequently in recent years. The committee decided to request a three-year CCLP with all of the courses that the department could offer each term, showing that students would be able to complete the Jazz Minor.

Action: Correspondence to be sent to the VPAA.

IV. Issues for CEP Resulting from Grade Strike

The committee discussed various possible impact of the continuing lack of some Fall 2019 grades. Major declaration, class level and enrollment appointments, graduation and degree satisfaction, prerequisites, academic standing and financial eligibility were discussed. In general, impacts can be mitigated for the moment, but not completely and at some expense to academic standards. The impacts will grow worse as the strike continues. The committee decided how to handle the possibility of students taking courses on a P/NP basis and subsequently being found to be not in good standing (i.e. ineligible to take courses P/NP) and other deviations from Senate regulations caused by the unprecedented situation.

Action: Correspondence to be sent to VPUDE and iCP/EVC.

V. iVPGE's Draft Internationalization Goals and Action Plan

The committee discussed the iVPGE's Draft Internationalization Goals and Action Plan. Members commented that this appeared aspirational more than actual. They suggested that identifying 4 or 5 priorities with an actual timeline would have been more productive. The committee further articulated the serious need for stronger infrastructure for international students, and trying to increase their number substantially. The committee also decided that any proposal for a new academic program in global studies/theory would have to come from a faculty group with expertise in the discipline rather than CIE, that there was no need to encourage all programs to develop study abroad planners since it might not be best for all programs to do so, that the length of the Academic Literacy Curriculum for international students should not be increased because it is already quite long, and that it would be too much effort to reopen General Education requirements without very strong reasons.

Action: Correspondence to be sent to Senate Chair Lau.

VII. Program Statement Review

The committee reviewed undergraduate program statements from the departments of Music, Environmental Studies, Math, and Physics. They also reviewed the Writing Program.

Action: Correspondence to be sent to the department chairs and managers.

VIII. Individual Major Petition

CEP discussed an individual major petition proposal from a student. The conversation moved more broadly to discuss communication with the preceptors to ensure intellectual merit that is comparable with other universities, and that the members of the faculty committee should have enough expertise in the chosen area.

Action: Correspondence to be sent to the student. Communication to be sent to the preceptors.

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