

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
MINUTES

January 22, 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. Western Arts Music Minor (lead: Kate)

Left over from discussion of Music Department's program statement the previous week. The last External Review Committee (ERC) in 2018 commented that the minor was too burdensome for students, however it has not yet been revised.

Action: Correspondence to be sent to the department.

II. Consent Agenda

The following were approved:

- 01/08/2020 and 01/15/2020 Minutes were approved
- Program Statement Letters
 - Music
 - Mathematics
 - Environmental Studies
- CEP to VPAA re Agroecology
- CEP to VPAA re Global Musics Concentration
- CEP to VPAA re discontinuance of Math Ed concentration in Mathematics B.A.
- CEP to University Registrar re Individual Major Petition
- CEP to VPDUE re Missing Grades
- CEP to Chair Lau re Draft Internationalization Goals and Action Plan

During announcements, the chair informed the committee about the possible impact to the Academic Senate regarding the contract negotiations of Unit 18 Lecturers. The Academic Council has issued a letter stating that they "affirm the basic principles about the importance of fair, living wages" and state that "Unit 18 lecturers are not members of the Academic Senate" and have different criteria, roles and responsibilities. The current contract ends at the end of February.

Action: Correspondence to be sent.

III. Revised Proposal for Applied Mathematics B.S.

With one member recused, the committee discussed the revised proposal that addressed CEP's comments. This proposal is only viable with the additional hiring of a ladder rank faculty.

Members also expressed concern that the 2 year transfer plan is still fragile and the transfer admission screening policy should be revised.

Action: Correspondence to be sent to the VPAA.

IV. Review of UC Washington (UCDC) Report

Senate committee have been invited to comment on a report about the UC Washington Center (UCDC). Members discussed the lengthy report and was confused as to why CEP was invited to comment since the report did not contain educational policy issues. The discussion raised several questions:

- How are UCDC courses proposed, designed and reviewed?
- How are courses evaluated?
- How are instructors identified and hired?
- Do students find the courses helpful and comparable in content and rigor to courses at their home campuses?
- Does UCDC undergo regular external reviews and if so, where is this information housed?

Action: Correspondence to be sent to Academic Senate Chair.

V. Program Statement Review

The committee discussed reviewed the following departments and programs: Feminist Studies, Literature, Community Studies, Psychology and Applied Mathematics.

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

VI. College Scholars Program: Lead Manel Camps

The committee discussed the history and status of the College Scholars Program at UC Santa Cruz and ways in which is can be strengthened and improved. This proposal included:

- Recruit more ladder-rank faculty to teach Fall seminars
- Extend the program to four years by generating experiential learning opportunities utilizing existing research institutes on campus.
- Provide a dedicated space for CSP students in a central location
- Create an entry point for transfer students
- Create Honors sections in regular classes.

Committee supports this proposal.

Action: Correspondence to be sent to VPDUE.

V. AVPDUE Position

The committee discussed the recently circulated flyer inviting applications for a newly created Associate Vice Provost and Associate Dean of the Colleges. The committee noted concern with how this position would interfere with the autonomy of the current faculty provost system. They suggest that providing additional release time to the Chair of the Council of Provosts would potentially be

more effective. Apprehension was expressed in the creation of another administrative role. Members also raised a workload issue of the VPUDE since he is also currently the interim VPGE.

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