

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
MINUTES

November 20, 2019

10:40 a.m.-1:10 p.m.

307 Kerr Hall

Present: Douglas Bonett, 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

Absent: Manel Camps

I. Consultation with Assistant Vice Provost Stacey Sketo-Rosener and Associate Registrar McGraw

The Assistant Vice Provost of Undergraduate Advising and the Associate Registrar provided CEP with a presentation titled, "Reimagining Student Facing Publications." The presentation was organized into 3 parts:

1. Background: The presentation began by identifying the problem of UC Santa Cruz having a lack of consistency in information about policy and expectations for students. It also discussed the challenge on the advisers' side with the lack of consistency training and application. This indicates the need for a centralized source of information. Currently, a search for information on "UCSC Academic Probation" could capture (different) information from multiple sources on campus websites (Navigator, Advising, Divisions, Departments, Senate).
2. Project Ideas: The goal is to consolidate thousands of web pages and create a single "UCSC Academic Guide" website, with tabs for undergraduate students and graduate students, and incorporating the General Catalog, Schedule of Classes, Navigator, and Advising. Clear and student-friendly language would be used.
3. Questions and Feedback: Members expressed enthusiasm for the website and the hope that the content would be dynamic and update in real time from sources such as the Catalog. Members suggested doing student focus groups (possibly summer bridge students). It was stressed that functionality for students needs to be prioritized so that they are not lost in too much information. Members recommended that, in the sections that state CEP policies or Senate regulations, there could be brief hypothetical situations that would help explain to the student the meaning of the policy/regulation. Berkeley has just implemented a similar project this academic year.

II. Policy: Catalog Rights

Members reviewed the current policy on catalog rights for content and clarity. Committee made several editorial changes. VPAA Lee attended to answer any potential questions regarding the teach-out plans, the discontinuance of programs, and the availability of courses. The committee did not have any questions for him.

Action: A revised version will appear in the following consent agenda.

III. Consent Agenda

The following were approved:

- 11/06/19 and 11/13/19 Minutes
- Questions for Mathematics ERC Charge
- Questions for Psychology ERC Report
- CEP Policies
 - Major Declaration Process and Deadlines
 - Approved Off-Campus Study Programs

Action: Correspondence will be sent and policies to be posted.

IV. University for Study Abroad Program

CEP has previously approved certain universities for inclusions in the UCSC Study Abroad program. The iVPGE has provided a list of additional universities that he is requesting CEP to approve for inclusion. He is also requesting for priority enrollment to be increased (it was previously set at 35 students). The iVPGE attended a portion of the discussion to answer any questions from the committee about the request and selection of universities. With the iVPGE, the committee discussed the difference between UCSC Study Abroad and UCEAP (systemwide). They also noted the difference between university rankings versus department rankings, the need for housing and supportive services for students and faculty, and priority enrollment (possibly creating more impactation for impacted courses).

After the iVPGE left, the committee reviewed all of the proposed universities. There were four that were not accepted. Committee determined that given the current size of UCSC Study Abroad, there is not need to increase the priority enrollment, but should revisit it in 2 years.

Action: Correspondence to be sent to iVPGE.

V. Digital/Computer Skills

The committee continued the discussion about digital and computer skills being incorporated into curricula.

Action: The committee will continue the discussion after reviewing specific departments instead of the division.