

Committee on Preparatory Education

Minutes

Tuesday, October 2, 2007

10-11:30 a.m.

Kerr Hall Rm 129

Present: Elizabeth Abrams (Chair), Roxanne Monnet (Staff), Judy Scott.

Absent: Ellen Newberry (NSTF Rep).

I. Announcements.

The Committee was apprised that the October 10 Senate Meeting has been replaced by a Senate Forum on professional schools.

This year CPE plans to revisit the 2006 CPE report regarding Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) class size at UCSC. Additionally the Committee will give feedback to the proposed revision of frosh admissions eligibility, intended to increase and further diversify the eligible pool. The Committee also plans to follow up on last year's consultation with Vice Provost and Dean for Undergraduate Education Ladusaw and Director of Institutional Research and Policy Studies Fernald regarding data on transfer students.

II. Review Committee Charge.

Review of the Committee's charge was postponed until new members are present.

III. SR 636 materials and proposal (ELWR class size).

CPE discussed the proposed changes to Academic Senate Regulation 636 related to ELWR class size. The Committee approved UCOPE's proposal with the significant caveat noted below.

Despite its support for the proposal in general, CPE noted that there may be implementation challenges for UCSC such as finding the faculty needed to teach additional course offerings. It was noted that the amount of \$39K to support reduced class size estimated in CPE's report of 2005 needs to be reconsidered in light of increased and changing populations at UCSC and the enforcement of SCR 10.5.2. CPE's proposal of 2006, which indicated a need of \$42K additional funds, did take into account enforcement of SCR 10.5.2 but did not consider reduced class size, leaving this figure also somewhat low.

The Committee was fine with the proposal related to elimination of the naming of specific tests.

CPE strenuously objected to the wording changes to SR 636 proposed by UCOPE. The changes to wording, intended to simplify and streamline the Regulation, would significantly curtail

UCSC's "program of study" for ELWR students, in part because UCSC students cannot satisfy the ELWR simply by passing a particular class.

4. Member Items.

No new items were added at this time.

So Attests,

Elizabeth Abrams, Chair
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