

**Committee on Preparatory Education**  
Minutes

Tuesday, November 6, 2007  
3-4:30 p.m.  
Kerr Hall Room 129

Present: Elizabeth Abrams (Chair), Roxanne Monnet (Staff), Ellen Newberry (NSTF Rep), Judy Scott.

**I. Announcements.**

The Committee was reminded of the Senate Meeting scheduled for Friday, November 9.

Chair Abrams will send questions to Director of Institutional Research and Policy Studies Julian Fernald regarding transfer student data for possible discussion at the December 4 meeting. This is a follow up to the consultation from last year with Director Fernald and Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education Bill Ladusaw.

Members discussed and approved the October 2 minutes.

**II. CPE charge.**

Chair Abrams briefly reviewed the charge with the members.

**III. BOARS' UC Freshman Eligibility Reform Proposal.**

CPE discussed the changes proposed by the Board of Admissions and Relations to Schools (BOARS) for UC frosh admissions eligibility and will send a written response.

The Committee thinks that while the aim of the proposal is admirable, CPE expects these changes to put greater strains on UCSC's capacity to meet the needs of entry level students. By reducing the GPA threshold, for example, there would likely be an increased need for student support and increased admissions eligibility for English language learners, as well as possibly lower math results.

**IV. UCEP/CCGA proposed changes to GSI policies.**

The Committee discussed the proposal to change policies for appointment of Graduate Student Instructors (GSI), particularly the intention to give like consideration of lower- and upper-division courses. The Committee was apprised of last year's proposed changes to GSI policies made by the Committee on Educational Policy at UCSC. The changes primarily related to treating all lower-division courses the same and modifying the text regarding mentorship expectations for GSIs. Members were invited to respond via email to Chair Abrams as to whether they think the Committee should respond formally.

So attests,

Elizabeth Abrams, Chair  
Committee on Preparatory Education