Committee on Preparatory Education Meeting
Minutes
Monday November 09, 2012
2 – 3:30 p.m. Kerr Hall 129

Present: Gabriel Elkaim (Chair), George Bunch, Bruno Mendes (NSTF Rep), SUA and GSA reps. TBA., Susanna Wrangell (staff).

Absent: Sarah-Hope Parmeter (ELWR Coordinator).

I. Announcements
Chair Elkaim and members introduced themselves and announced VPDUE Richard Hughey will be consulting with CPE at the December 07 on Councils of Retention and the status of UCSC becoming a Hispanic Serving Institution.

II. Confidentiality and Recusals
Committee members accepted the confidentiality agreement and touched on member recusals.

III. Glossary
Chair Elkaim reminded members that this is a handy list of acronyms to reference and members agreed.

IV. Review Proposed Policy on Open Access
CPE has been asked to comment on the proposed Open Access Policy developed by the University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC). CPE members held a discussion and appreciate the opportunity to be informed but is not in our mandate to comment on this issue.

V. Review Recommendations in Annual Report 2011 – 12
Members decided to adopt the following recommendations for discussion during the year.
- Consult with the VPDUE on an Undergraduate Council or Committee on Retention and Advising; assign committee members and/or committee to study and report on how this is done on each of the other UC campuses. (December 07 meeting consultation.)
- Consult with the VPDUE on the progress of the committee on Hispanic Serving Institution. (December 07 meeting consultation.)
- Review new data on the MPE online results. The committee is specifically interested in how many of the top 15% scores fail the course or get Cs or lower (possible evidence of cheating). As the year goes on, study the fail rates at all levels (3/11/19) compared to previous years, and the quality of correlation between the MPE and course success compared to previous years. (Member Mendes will follow up).
- Visit the UC ACCORD website and review and discuss any relevant research abstracts. (Member Bunch will follow up at future meeting)
- Follow up on the effect (if any) of the changes in administrative structure that began in fall 2011 on Retention Services and LSS. Committee members would just like to be updated on the final organizational chart.
• Follow up on the suggestions made when discussing the progress of transfer students in Disciplinary writing: ways to make sure they do not take gateway courses too early and/or without realizing how important they are, and speaking to departments about 2-unit disciplinary practices courses for transfers.

For Hispanic Serving Institution:
Members held a discussion on many students who have educational needs from across the social economic classes. Is it possible that some funding can be earmarked for preparatory education or a program to help these students who need help with math skills, even the students with high GPAs. Students have weak foundational skills in basic academic subjects such as English, mathematics and logic, many receive training on how to take tests, get a result based on the grade only, no critical thinking. How can UCSC interrupt this cycle, and help these students excel when properly prepared for college.

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