Committee on Preparatory Education Meeting
Minutes
April 8, 2015
Kerr Hall Room 129, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Gabriel Elkaim (Chair), Kimberly Helmer, Sarah-Hope Parmeter (ELWR Coordinator), Abe Stone, Susanna Wrangell (staff).

Absent: Phil Longo (NSTF Rep), SUA and GSA reps. TBA.

Guests: Richard Hughey, VPDUE and Special Assistant Student Success Jaye Padgett

I. Announcements:
Members approved the draft minutes for February 25, 2015.

II. Consultation with Special Assistant Jaye Padgett & VPDUE Hughey

After introductions, Special Assistant Padgett and VPDUE Hughey met with CPE members to consult and discuss the proposed Summer Academy curriculum. Last year, Summer Session and the International Education Office piloted the first credit-bearing summer preparation program, Summer Start, with a focus on language, writing, and navigating the research university. The program, this year, 2015, is renamed Summer Academy: International and, has provided the framework for a new offering. This year’s academy is focused on STEM students, many students enter the university are not successful; based on being underprepared. The plan is to recruit about 60 to 70 students. The focus will be on students who meet a particular logarithm of criteria. Special Assistant Padgett and VPDUE Hughey informed members that the results of the academy should be available next winter (2016), part of the report will include following the students and see if they remain in the STEM field.

III. VPDUE Hughey’s Report on International Students Progress at UCSC
Follow up from last year’s committee. Members were interested in reviewing the report on the progress of international students last year and held a brief discussion on the future plans to introduce a multilingual course series next year.