

Committee on Preparatory Education Meeting
Minutes
February 25, 2015
Kerr Hall Room 129, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Gabriel Elkaim (Chair), Kimberly Helmer, Phil Longo (NSTF Rep), Abe Stone, Susanna Wrangell (staff).

Absent: Sarah-Hope Parmeter (ELWR Coordinator), SUA and GSA reps. TBA.

I. Announcements:

Members approved the draft minutes for February 11, 2015 with corrections.

II. Mathematics Placement Exam (MPE) to ALEKS Consultation

Follow up from last meeting's consultation with Mathematics Undergraduate Curriculum Chair Lewis. Members found the presentation informative and understands the intention, but will students actually do the module to better themselves? Motivated students will benefit from this type of offering. The data collected will; hopefully, demonstrate the students understanding of math and improvement while at UCSC. CPE supports this type of offering of resources, and the benefits, but the downside is sometimes these programs only work based on the type of learner. The Department is generating some data and they will gain some insight after completing their pilot. Members approved the draft letter.

III. International Curriculum Proposal for Writing

Follow up from last meeting's consultation with Senior International Officer (SIO) Ferguson and Writing Program Chair Shearer on the creation of a proposal for pre-C1 curriculum for entering international students. Members would like the details, or at least be kept apprised as the proposal develops and is in support of this curriculum for pre C1 satisfaction. The letter was approved with corrections and members are supportive for this proposal to come forward and be apprised during the quarter.

IV. Crown 79 Core Pilot Winter 2015 Information Request

Last winter 2013, then Crown Provost Ferguson requested a pilot to offer the Core course during winter quarter instead of fall to allow ELWR unsatisfied students the benefit of taking Writing 20 first before Core, the course Crown 79 was not approved until fall of 2014 so the first offering is being held this winter quarter.

Members drafted the following questions on data the committee wishes to review if available:

CPE Questions for Report on Crown 79 Pilot (submitted as Crown 81)

- 1) How will you assess this curricular change?
- 2) What measures are in place to support student success?
- 3) How does this year's ELWR pass rate compare with assessments of past cohorts?

- 4) Does the quarter when students take the course, affect the ELWR satisfaction rate, are more students satisfied in winter and spring this year compared to satisfaction in past fall offerings?
- 5) Will there be any formal feedback mechanisms from students?
- 6) With this Core curriculum change, was there a higher or lower fail rate than previous years?
- 7) How are you measuring the current C1 outcomes and ELWR satisfaction?

** Note: after the committee meeting VPDUE Hughey announced a report will be produced in spring quarter on the Crown 79 pilot.

V. Student Success Task Force Slides by Professor Jaye Padgett

Members reviewed the slides and held a discussion. CPE will send a request to Special Assistant Padgett requesting an update on issues that would have the committee's purview on preparatory programs, especially for Summer Academy that cover pre education.

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