Committee on Educational Policy
Annual Report to the Riverside Division
May 20, 2008

To Be Received and Placed on File:

The CEP will have held semi-weekly meetings for a total of 25 times this academic year. (This includes 17 regular CEP meetings and 8 undergrad program review subcommittee meetings per faculty member.) In addition to attendance at meetings, and the close study of often complex and lengthy proposals that must precede such meetings, many CEP matters are dealt with via email. CEP members are also asked by the Administration and/or the chair of the Senate to attend additional meetings. This year our involvement included the following obligations above and beyond our regular committee and subcommittee work: BOARS meeting on Admissions, the Medical School kick off, the sessions the VPUE organized on Learnings Outcomes, and meeting with WASC reaccredidation team. Our active members are to be commended for their countless hours of attention to a broad spectrum of matters concerning educational policy. The attendance report for our regular meetings is attached.

A conflict of interest statement was adopted to govern the Committee on Educational Policy procedures for 2007-08.

Undergraduate program reviews have now become an established routine under our supervision. The History, Statistics and Computer Science and Engineering program reviews from 06-07 have been closed and follow up meetings concerning action plans have taken place between the History and Statistics programs, the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, the appropriate Dean, and the CEP Chair. A similar meeting is scheduled for the Computer Science and Engineering review late this spring quarter. Last year, we scheduled four reviews for 2007-08: Comparative Literature and Foreign Languages, Music, Mathematics, and Electrical Engineering. Mathematics asked for a one year postponement which we granted. We then notified the Chemistry program of their upr for 2007-08. Because of workload issues, and difficulty recruiting new members for this demanding committee, we were forced to delay the Music review until the 08-09 year. For the 08-09 academic year, we also proposed reviewing the Mechanical Engineering program. The ME program has requested a deferral of this review, which the CEP has carefully considered. We do not grant a deferral lightly, but the reasons for the deferral request presented to us by the Chair were sufficiently compelling that we decided to grant it. Since we have more programs in the CHASS College to review, it was decided to forego a BCOE program review next year in favor of an additional review in CHASS. We will be reviewing the Psychology program for 08-09 in addition to the Music Department.

We have been trying to push forward the implementation of the Life Sciences review. In the fall, we invited CNAS Associate Dean Walling to a committee meeting to provide an update on the efforts of the Life Sciences program to implement the recommendations made by the Life Sciences Review Team as a result of the 05-06 site visit and subsequent findings and recommendations by our committee. At that time, she estimated that new program proposals or changes to existing proposals would come to the CEP by early 2008. In March of 2008, we became concerned that we had not seen the promised program proposals. We requested followed up with Associate Dean Walling and she reported that 7 of the 9 program changes were prepared and that they would be sent through the CNAS Executive Committee in April, 2008. She indicated that it was understood now in her College that none of these initiatives would arrive at the Senate in time for Fall, 2008 implementation. It was her hope at that time that the CEP should have the program proposals in time for Fall, 2008 review. At this writing, we have learned from the CNAS Executive Committee that they have requested a copy of the Life Sciences Council of Chairs plan for reorganization. We are expecting to receive a copy of the plan with any CNAS EC comments sometime in late May.
In Spring of 2007, we initiated discussion with the Graduate Council on combining the faculty survey used for graduate reviews with the survey used for undergraduate reviews. Over the Summer of 2007, we received a negative response from the Graduate Council. We hope that there will be closer cooperation with the Graduate Council in the future on program reviews at the undergraduate and graduate level.

At the beginning of the academic year, we formulated a set of guidelines and procedures for establishment of new academic programs or changes to existing programs. These guidelines have been posted on the Senate webpage and distributed to the Executive Committees for wide distribution to program chairs and Student Affairs Officers.

Considerable committee time was spent on two major initiatives: the new Medical School curriculum and business plan and the system wide proposal to reform freshmen eligibility (the so-called BOARS report). Each of these initiatives were on four regular committee meeting agendas and also demanded extensive review on our members’ time outside of meetings to work through very substantial amounts of documentation.

CEP also took up a number of matters with respect to majors and minors and other programs. Matters of this nature that were discussed, approved and forwarded to the Division as of this date, include the following:

**PROPOSED CURRICULUM CHANGES APPROVED:**

- Computer Engineering Major
- Information Systems Major
- Computer Science Major
- Computer Science Minor
- Electrical Engineering Major
- Computer Engineering Major

- Spanish Major
- Spanish Minor
- CRWT Minor
- Journalism Minor, including lifting of moratorium

- Biochemistry B.S. and B.A.
- Botany and Plant Sciences Minor
- Geology and Geophysics Major
- Geology Minor
- Mathematics Honors program
- Geology Minor 2nd round of changes
- Geology Major

**NEW DEGREES APPROVED:**

- Medical School
- Chem and Envi Eng 5 yr. bs/MS
- Computer Sci 5 yr bs/MS
- Mechanical Eng 5 yr bs/MS
- Joint grad program with SDSU in Evolutionary Biology
- MS and PhD programs in Material Science and Engineering
- B.A. in Geoscience for Educators
B.S. in Mathematics for Secondary School Teachers

Topics discussed and/or acted upon by the Committee in consultation with other Senate Committees and/or the Administration throughout the year have included:

Senate chair goals at annual retreat
Role of graduate students in instruction
Classroom disruptions by on and off campus groups
Biomed bylaws
Medical School Business plan
Ad Hoc General Education proposal
W. Ruel Johnson and S. Sue Johnson Chair and Jacques S. Yeager Chair in Bioengineering
Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools proposal to Reform Freshman Eligibility
Increased Enrollment Initiative with Division Chair
Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on International Education
Proposed UC Undergraduate Mission Statement
CCGA/UCEP/ITTP “Dialectic” Paper on Remote/Online Instruction
Report on Affordability
Proposal to reconstitute and transfer the b.s. in Business Administration to AGSM
Meeting with WASC Reaccredidation team
Grade deadline submissions
Post baccalaureate program in Biomedical Sciences
Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Reorganization report

During the remainder of the academic year, we envision much of our time will be occupied with the on site program reviews scheduled for May. These onsite program reviews also involve a follow up in June. We will also continue with the planning process for the 08-09 reviews. We also anticipate substantial involvement in the attempt to comply with the Learning Assessment demands that have been placed on the campus by the WASC review team.

Taradas Bandyopadhyay, member of CEP currently represents the campus at the system-wide level of CEP (UCEP). He has kept CEP informed about system-wide developments and items discussed at UCEP including standardizing of Undergraduate Program Review procedures and discussions on Freshman Eligibility requirements, and online instruction.

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