COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
2010-11 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION
MAY 24, 2011

To be received and placed on file:

The CEP will have had a total of 15 meetings this academic year. In addition, each member will have attended approximately 6-8 meetings of undergraduate program review subcommittees. The CEP Chair attends all subcommittee meetings. Much of the CEP work is done outside of meetings, including the close study of often complex and lengthy proposals, and many CEP matters are dealt with via an email forum. CEP members are also asked by the Administration and/or the Chair of the Senate to attend additional meetings and serve on additional committees. Our members are to be commended for their countless hours of attention to a broad spectrum of matters concerning educational policy and undergraduate education and their genuine concern for student welfare. 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 2010-2011.

This year, CEP conducted reviews of the undergraduate programs in Earth Sciences, English, and Sociology. The CEP review subcommittees and the entire committee are in various stages of report writing. The CEP Chair and review subcommittee chairs have also held action/implementation meetings with participation of the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and the appropriate Associate or College Dean, and they are developing or have developed action plans with timelines for last year’s reviews of the Environmental Sciences and Mechanical Engineering programs. Agreements on action plans resulting from the CEP Findings and Recommendations are or will be signed by the CEP Chair and the Department Chair, and timelines will be monitored. Several attempts were made to pursue the Implementation phase with the Chair of the Creative Writing Department and unfortunately, he refused to comply. CEP is deciding next steps in how to deal with noncompliant Department Chairs, after seeking advice from sister campuses, our own Executive Council and Senate Parliamentarian. Interim and/or final compliance reports are expected from the Psychology, Music, and Math programs. Next year, we will conduct external reviews of the Business Administration, Media and Cultural Studies, and Physics undergraduate programs. We are doing preparatory work for these three reviews this Spring and Summer.

In addition, in accordance with our mandate to do a self review of the review process, the CEP is in the process of preparing a report based on our own experiences, as well as verbal comments from the external review teams, and surveys to the representatives/stakeholders in the review process including: Deans, Associate/Divisional Deans, the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, Department chairs of programs who have been reviewed, former CEP chairs and CEP undergrad review committee chairs, as well as the chairs of the external review panels. The CEP subcommittee has studied the results of the surveys and will be making possible recommendations for improvement of the process to the regular CEP and we will have a report written this summer for the Fall Division meeting.

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:

Business Informatics Major x 2
Computer Engineering Major x 2
Computer Science Major x 2
Computer Science Minor x 2
Art Program Major Requirements x 2
Plant Biology Major
Biochem Major
Environmental Sciences Major
MEIS Minor
Italian Minor
CPLT Major
French Major
Germanic Studies Major
Theatre Major
Poli Sci Admin Studies
Poli Sci Public Service
Poli Sci Major
Poli Sci Intnl Affairs
Poli Sci Minor
Language Major
History Major
International Relations Major
Women’s Studies Major
Global Studies Major
Public Policy Major
Public Policy Minor

NEW DEGREES APPROVED:

- Major in Cell, Molecular, and Development Biology
- Major in Microbiology

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

- Extensive consultation and preparation for a Remote Learning Course Policy. (Guidelines forthcoming)
- Extensive consultation and preparation of an Impacted Majors Policy. (Policy forthcoming)
- Extensive consultation and preparation of a Draft Disestablishment Policy. (Policy forthcoming)
- Extensive consultation and preparation of a Learning Outcomes on General Education Courses procedure (Currently being reviewed by the College Executive Committees)
- Budget suggestions to the Division Chair
- UCOP Proposal to Rename Fees as Tuition
- System wide review of Council Recommendation and UCLA Statement on the Future of the University
- Revised Writing Across the Curriculum Proposal
New Proposal for Grade Delay
Classroom Disruption Policy with Dean of Students, Susan Allen Ortega and her colleagues Laura Hammond and Laura Riley
Undergraduate Admissions Proposal to Modify the Comprehensive Review of Admissions Criteria and Calculation of Academic Index Score (AIS) for Freshman Admissions
Proposal to Change the Articulation of Statistics AP Exams
Proposal for Moratorium on Biological Sciences Major
Review of Systemwide Streams to Funding Proposal
Review of Endowed Term Chair Proposal: Amrik Singh Poonian Endowed Term Chair in Computer Science
Review of Proposed Change to iEval Teaching Evaluation Form
Request from Division Chair to Draft a Policy (along with Grad Council) on 2 hour Final Exams
Proposal for a Moratorium on the Envi Sci. joint CSUF majors
MS Program in Engineering
Discussion on Allowing Programs to Prioritize Enrollment Based on Grades in Stated Prerequisites
Discussion on Noncompliance in Undergraduate Program Review Process
Proposal for a Moratorium on the Interdisciplinary Studies Major
Proposal to Increase the GPA to 2.7 for Transfer Admissions into Psychology and Psychology Law and Society Program
CEP-ABET review coordination with BCOE
SoBA Proposal for M.A. in Accounting, Auditing, and Assurance
Regulation 6: Degree Delay
Transfer Admissions Proposal from Undergraduate Admissions Committee
Revisions to Academic Integrity Policy
Proposal to Disestablish/Consolidate Departments in SoBA
Proposal for a Givaudan Citrus Variety Collection Endowed Chair in CNAS
General Education Concentration on Ecology/Biodiversity from the General Education Advisory Committee (for CHASS students)

Begona Echeverria, member of CEP currently represents the campus at the system-wide level of CEP (UCEP). Professor Echeverria, as well as Professor Wudka (UCEP Vice Chair) have kept CEP informed about various items and system-wide developments of interest to the Committee including the online instruction initiative and the proposal to streamline of transfer admissions.

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