

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY  
MINUTES  
APRIL 3, 2020

PRESENT: S. Vidussi, Chair; O. Long, UCEP Rep.; J. Allison; B. Babcock; G. Funning; E. Goodman; I. Kaloshian; C. Lussier; A. Sood; J. Weems; B. Wong; F. Zarinebaf; C. Zhou

GUESTS: K. Dominguez, GSA Student Rep.; M. Ramirez, ASUCR Student Rep.

ABSENT: G. Long, Vice Chair; A. Ray

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:00 AM.

The Chair informed the Committee that he received requests from the departments of History and Statistics for postponements of their reviews scheduled for the 20-21 academic year. The Committee discussed how to proceed with similar requests that might be received in the coming months. The Committee agreed that the Committee should treat each request on a case by case basis and make postponement decisions on the review of justifications outside of Covid-19 implications. The Chair reminded the Committee that deadlines can be delayed and that reviews can be conducted later in 20-21 to accommodate departments.

The Committee voted to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2020 and March 6, 2020 meetings.

The Committee's representative to the University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP) Owen Long did not have an update as UCEP is scheduled to meet next on April 6, 2020.

The Chair informed the Committee that the undergraduate program review of Liberal Studies that was scheduled for April 6 and 7, 2020 was postponed to next academic year due to the closure of in person classes on campus.

The Committee reviewed and voted to approve the Final Findings and Recommendations report from the internal review of the R'Courses program.

The Committee reviewed the revised proposal for the minor in Athletic Leadership and was appreciative of the program's response to the Committee's concerns and the additional information provided on the proposed minor. The Committee voted to support the revised proposal. The Chair will report the Committee's support to the Senate Chair.

The Committee reviewed the proposed revisions to GSoE Regulations ER 1 to ER 4.1 and noted concern that some of the proposed language is contradictory and not clear. The Committee voted to support the proposed changes and readdress the issue with contradictory language in the future. The Chair will report the Committee's support to the Senate Chair.

The Committee reviewed the Registrar's interpretation request for Regulation R 6.12 for catalog rights. The Committee interpreted the "year of his/her graduation" refers to the year that a student's degree is conferred and is unrelated to when the requirements are completed. The Committee interpreted the "previous four years" to account for the four years from the year of the student's graduation. The Committee discussed whether a change to the regulation should be made to address the issues that the Registrar included in the interpretation request. The Committee recommended that the Registrar consult with the colleges and schools and academic programs and departments when cases arise to ensure that students meet the regulation's requirements. The Chair will send the Committee's interpretation and recommendation to the Senate Chair.

The Committee reviewed a proposal to suspend student evaluations of courses for the Spring 2020 quarter. The Committee discussed the proposal at length and recognized that the issue is multifaceted. Committee members recognized the need for students to have a voice and submit an evaluation of their courses and emphasized not taking this ability away. However, members noted that the structure and questions of the current evaluation form may not be appropriate for courses offered in Spring 2020 as they will have been instructed remotely. Committee members also discussed the use of evaluations for the merit and promotion process and recommended that evaluations from Spring 2020 not be considered in this process as they may have been negatively impacted by the move to remote instruction. The Chair will summarize the Committee's discussion on the proposal and send a draft response to members for review and final approval.

With no other business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 12:19PM.

Approved: May 1, 2020

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