

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
MINUTES
MAY 1, 2020

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

GUESTS: K. Dominguez, GSA Student Rep.

ABSENT: B. Babcock; A. Sood

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

The Chair informed the Committee that member Anand Ray has resigned from the Committee.

The Committee voted to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2020 meeting.

The Committee's representative to the University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP) Owen Long updated the Committee on the April 6, 2020 meeting. At the April meeting, UCEP reviewed a proposal for lived names on diplomas, finalized a memo with a recommendation for fees beyond tuition, and worked to draft a memo to adjust the residency requirement for students' senior year.

The Chair presented to the Committee a draft memo to programs scheduled for review next year addressing concerns related to Covid-19 and informing programs of the flexibility of deadlines and adjustments that will be made as the situation develops. The memo was drafted jointly with Graduate Council. The Chair asked the Committee for their feedback and a discussion was held on the pros and cons of continuing with undergraduate program reviews next year.

The Committee reviewed the five year planning perspectives for 2020 to 2025 at UCR and did not have any concerns with the document. The Chair will report the Committee's review to the Senate Chair.

The Committee reviewed the proposed change to the Sustainability Studies major, which included a recommended change to the major's name from Sustainability Studies to Feminist Science and Sustainability Studies. Committee member Juliann Allison recused herself from the discussion due to a conflict of interest. The CEP Subcommittee for the review of CHASS program changes identified major concerns with the proposed name change and brought the proposal to the full Committee for review. While supportive of the program changing the name of the major so that it clarifies and reflects the curriculum, the Committee was concerned that the addition of "Feminist Science" to the title potentially narrows the major. The Committee recommended that the change be returned with a request for the program to consider choosing a name for the major that better captures the essence of the major and also provide more details on how the program will work to advise students who will be affected by the proposed name change. The Chair will summarize the Committee's discussion and recommendations in a memo and send it to members to be finalized.

The Committee welcomed the Director of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity Tasha Yules and Assistant Director of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity Kyle McStay to the meeting to discuss UCR Academic Integrity Policies and the challenges academic integrity has faced with remote instruction. Director Yules informed the Committee that the amount of academic integrity cases for Winter 20 exams increased. Director Yules stated that it would be helpful for the Committee to draft a statement that would give the Office Student Conduct and Academic Integrity Programs the ability to work with the instructors directly to balance due process rights, which will allow for better case management. The Chair requested that the Director send a summary of this request to the Committee. The Committee questioned how faculty can prevent cases and Director Yules recommended that instructors talk to their students about academic integrity in class and review guidance on the UCR “Keep Teaching” webpage. Assistant Director McStay informed the Committee that several webinars have been deployed to help faculty. The Committee requested additional data on the cases from Winter 20 and links to the webinars for their consideration.

With no other business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 12:05PM.

Approved: May 22, 2020

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