

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
MINUTES
JUNE 26, 2020

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

ABSENT: G. Funning; A. Sood; C. Zhou

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

The Chair informed the Committee that their concerns regarding the 180 unit graduation requirement exceptions have been sent to the Senate Chair who has communicated the Committee's concerns to the administration.

The Committee voted to approve the minutes from the June 5, 2020 meeting.

The Committee reviewed the proposal for a Division of Undergraduate Education and noted concern that the proposal did not provide the difference between an "academic division" and department or college or school which could provide greater context for the proposal. The Committee was concerned that it was unclear what scholarly work would be required of faculty members of the proposed division and how their qualifications for merit and promotion would be determined. The Committee recommended that it would be beneficial to include a statement in the proposal about the current system in the Office of Undergraduate Education and how the proposed division would enhance their function, governance, and contribution to undergraduate life. While the proposal noted that other UC campuses have academic divisions of undergraduate education it did not specify how the divisions operate, which members agreed would benefit the proposal. The Committee discussed the University Writing program and noted it was unclear if it will become a department in the proposed division. The Committee recommended that this be addressed in the proposal along with plans the proposed division might have for other departments. The Committee noted concern that the proposal did not include much information on the proposed executive committee, including if members will be elected and who they will be elected by. The Committee also recommended that the proposal be updated to clarify if members of the executive committee will be from across the colleges and schools or just from the proposed division. The Chair asked members to send additional feedback via email and will work to draft a response to the Senate Chair with the Committee's feedback and recommendations.

The Committee reviewed the proposal for a BS/MS combined five year degree program in Statistics. The Committee noted concern that the proposal does not clarify if students will pay undergraduate or graduate tuition in the fifth year of the program. The Committee voted to support the proposal with the recommendation that it be updated to clarify the level of tuition for the last year of the program. The Chair will send the Committee's response to the Senate Chair.

The Committee reviewed and voted to support the Preliminary Findings and Recommendations report from the Biochemistry undergraduate program review.

With no other business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 11:03AM.

Approved: August 14, 2020

Prepared by: Beth Beatty