

California State University, Stanislaus  
**University Educational Policies Committee**  
**December 9, 1999**

Present: M. Aronson, B. Betts, D. Demetrulias, A. Karr, J. Elliott, R. Floyd, A. Petrosky,  
M. Thompson, and R. Weikart  
Excused: C. Floyd and K. Potts  
Guest: J. Klein

- I. **Call to Order.** M. Aronson called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.
- II. **Approval of Agenda.** The agenda was approved as distributed.
- III. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of December 2, 1999 were approved with the following revision: under item VI.E., revise item 4 to read, “What criteria will be used for students to remain in the program?”
- IV. **Announcements/Reports.**
  - 1) The Academic Senate approved the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice new degree proposal (8/AS/99/UEPC-GC) on December 7, 1999.
  - 2) The Academic Senate discussed one of the General Education Review Task Force resolutions (10/AS/99/UEPC—Resolution on GE Task Force Recommendation-Goals) on December 7, 1999 as a first reading item. The General Education Review Task Force will meet before the next scheduled Academic Senate meeting to address issues raised at the Senate meeting.
  - 3) The information from the Chancellor’s Office regarding the General Education Assessment Conference was forwarded to the General Education subcommittee.
- V. **Old Business**
  - A. **Student Retention at CSU Stanislaus.** A. Karr will follow-up with the AS President regarding the request made on October 14, 1999 that the ASI identify the population of students who are voicing concerns about enrollment services—graduate versus undergraduate, Stockton versus Turlock, etc.
  - B. **Master Academic Plan.** The Master Academic Planning committee is scheduled to meet on Friday, December 10.
  - C. **E-mail Access from Modesto.** M. Aronson will take the concern regarding phasing out the toll free lines for e-mail access from Modesto and Merced by the summer of 2000 to the Senate Executive Committee.
  - D. **Gateway Honors Program.** The committee continued discussion of the Gateway Honors Program. Following discussion it was moved by M. Thompson, seconded by A. Petrosky, and voted unanimously to approve the program. J. Klein will prepare a draft resolution to be reviewed by the committee prior to being forwarded to the Senate Executive Committee for its January 18, 2000 meeting.

## VI. New Business

- A. **Draft Campus Remediation Plan.** The committee discussed the draft Campus Remediation Plan forwarded to the committee by Provost Curry. To reduce the need for remediation among incoming students and to address students' remediation needs within their first year, the UEPC offers the following suggestions:
1. Establish a cut-off date for admissions that ensures that all placement tests are completed before students are advised or enrolled.
  2. Arrange for local scoring of the English Placement Test.
  3. Ensure that students have their examination scores before being advised or registered.
  4. Communicate deadlines to high school counselors, and others, through radio and on the web.
  5. Analyze the resources that are allocated to managing customer services and remediation criteria.
  6. Consider teaching a math and writing remediation course under YRO.
- B. **Joint Doctoral Program in Criminal Sciences.** For the past two years C. Rhodes and D. Demetrulias participated in the development of a proposal for a joint doctoral program between the California State University and the University of California. An initial proposal was forwarded to and reviewed by both systems. Approval was then granted to write a full proposal for a joint doctoral program in Criminal Sciences. CSU campuses involved in this venture at this time are Fresno, Stanislaus, and San Bernardino.
- C. **Joint Doctoral Task Force.** This Task Force was formed at the request of the President and is advisory to the Provost who requested that a summary report of its recommendations be submitted no later than May 15, 2000. The purpose of the Task Force is to provide leadership for the development of a document that makes recommendations for possible joint doctoral programs and identifies supporting fiscal and organizational structure.

## VII. Subcommittee Reports.

- 1) Minutes of the November 18, 1999 Academic Program Review subcommittee were received.
- 2) Minutes of the November 18, 1999 University Writing Committee were received.

## VIII. Other—Information Items.

- 1) Reducing Baccalaureate Degree Unit Requirement from 124 to 120 Units. The UEPC discussed reducing the baccalaureate degree unit requirement from 124 units to 120 units. The committee raised the following questions/comments:
  - Will the quality of degree programs be maintained with the reduction of units?
  - What impact will the reduction of units have on waiver programs for teacher education?
  - Is the reduction of units an academic or an economic issue?
  - How will the reduction of units affect our degree programs?
  - Is the reduction of units feasible taking into account Liberal Studies, globalization of the curriculum, service community learning, waiver programs, and technology?
  - UEPC assumes that it will develop the recommended criteria for exceptions to the 120 unit policy and develop a process for review and approval.D. Demetrulias will forward these concerns to President Hughes.

- 2) The committee received a copy of the CSU Accountability Plan – Final Version as an information item.
- 3) The next UEPC meeting is scheduled on Thursday, January 27, 2000 from 12:30-4:30 p.m. in room DBH 118. The UEPC will meet during the spring term from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in room DBH 118 on the following Thursdays: March 2 and 23, April 6 and 13, and May 4.

IX. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Elliott  
Recording Secretary

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