

California State University, Stanislaus  
**University Educational Policies Committee**  
**April 26, 2001**

Present: P. Alvarez, B. Betts, J. Elliott, A. Petrosky, S. Phillips, K. Potts, K. Stone, and M. Thompson  
Excused: D. Demetrulias and A. Reith  
Guests: J. Boffman, N. Clark, K. Entin, E. Erickson, K. Jasek-Rysdahl, J. Klein, W. Pierce, and K. Schoenly

- I. **Call to Order.** M. Thompson called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.
- II. **Approval of Agenda.** The agenda was approved as distributed.
- III. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of March 29 were approved as amended: V.E., second paragraph, the last sentence should read, "Following discussion the UEPC agreed that GE and WP courses may not count for both general education and WP."
- IV. **Announcements/Reports.** (1) The committee thanked the AVPAA for providing refreshments for this long working meeting. (2) M. Thompson, on behalf of the UEPC, sent a follow-up email to the Speaker inquiring about the formation of the group to review and revise the format for academic program review. (3) The UEPC sent a request on April 1, 2001, regarding the governance staff support needs. M. Thompson reported that a resolution is coming from the SEC requesting additional staff support for governance committees.
- V. **Old Business**

- A. **Resolution Concerning Students in ITV Courses.** Deferred.
- B. **WP and WPST Issues (A Modest Proposal).** The UEPC discussed "A Modest Proposal" to modify the Writing Proficiency program at CSU Stanislaus. The discussion focused on three areas: recognition of faculty work in teaching writing, the "26-page" requirement, and the suggestion to abolish the WPST.

The UEPC agrees with the UWC's position that the writing component not be posed as separate from the disciplinary content because integration of content and writing is fundamental to writing-in-the-disciplines programs. However, not all WP courses are proposed for the same unit credit. The UEPC advises that college curriculum committees and the UWC recognize the writing-intensive nature of the WP course as an acceptable rationale for an additional unit (e.g., a course normally recognized for three units would, upon request by a department, be approved for four units by virtue of being a WP course).

The UEPC concurs with the UWC's contentions that correct usage, punctuation, and paragraph development are already concerns of WP courses and that specification of quantity of writing is not a crucial aspect of writing program design.

Regarding the suggestion to abolish the WPST, the UEPC concurs with the UWC's position, which is based on multiple surveys of faculty, that the WPST should continue as a screening tool within the WP program.

- C. **Resolution on Review of Interdisciplinary Program Minors.** The UEPC discussed a resolution on the review of interdisciplinary program minors and consulted with the college curriculum committees and the Academic Program Review subcommittee. Following discussion, the UEPC agreed that the review of interdisciplinary program minors should be suspended until the guidelines and process for these reviews are revised. Since all

interdisciplinary minor programs are housed in the College of Arts, Letters, and Sciences, the UEPC strongly urges that, once review of interdisciplinary minor programs resumes, the College of ALS provides appropriate support (e.g. assigned time) for all programs under review.

- D. **UEPC Task Force on Globalization Proposal.** Deferred.
- E. **New Degree Major: BA in Agricultural Studies.** Faculty attending the meeting to respond to questions of the UEPC included J. Boffman, K. Entin, E. Erickson, K. Jasek-Rysdahl, W. Pierce, and K. Schoenly. Following discussion, it was moved by S. Phillips, seconded by C. Floyd, and voted unanimously to approve the BA in Agricultural Studies new degree major. The Academic Senate will now review the proposal.

## VI. **New Business.**

- A. **Remediation Plan.** Deferred.
- B. **Academic Calendar: 2002/03.** M. Thompson reported that Speaker Pandell will appoint an *ad hoc* committee to review the proposed plan to change to a semester calendar. J. Elliott will draft a 4-1-4 calendar for AY 2002/03 for discussion at the May 17 UEPC meeting.
- C. **Proposal for Fee Waivers for Graduate Students Carrying Teaching Responsibilities.** The "Proposal for Fee Waivers for Graduate Students Carrying Teaching Responsibilities" was developed based on Executive Order #611 dated October 27, 1993: "Delegation of Authority [to campus presidents] to Approve Fee Waivers for Graduate Students Employed as Graduate Assistants or Teaching Associates." The executive order encourages campuses to develop appropriate policies and procedures to implement the authority delegated.  
  
J. Klein reported that the Graduate Council recently approved the proposal. Following discussion, the UEPC agreed that the Graduate Council should review the criteria/guidelines for fee waiver eligibility. The assumption is that the Graduate Council will forward the proposal to the Academic Senate.
- D. **New Degree Option: Nursing Pre-Licensure Program.** J. Boffman and N. Clark attended the meeting to provide an overview of the Nursing Pre-Licensure Program (new option). N. Clark reported that there is a critical shortage of registered nurses throughout the country and our region. This shortage is projected to be long-term and has prompted calls for action by federal and state governments, as well as regional health agencies. The RN to BSN program is being expanded to include a pre-licensure (entry level) baccalaureate nursing program to help meet the demand for registered nurses. The committee discussed several aspects, including Nursing courses offered as general education courses rather than granting exemptions from general education courses. The committee requests a response from the General Education subcommittee on this matter in time for the May 17 UEPC meeting. N. Clark will attend the May 17 UEPC meeting to continue discussion of this new option.
- E. **Program Revision: BA in Philosophy.** Deferred.
- F. **New Chemistry Concentration: Clinical Laboratory Science.** Deferred.
- G. **Draft Videotaping Procedure for ITV Courses** (March 27 memo from S. Brockman). At the February 22, 2001, UEPC meeting, the committee reviewed and approved (with modifications) the new videotaping procedures as presented in a memorandum from N. Wagner, Director of Mediated and Distance Learning. The approved modified procedures were returned to the Off-Campus/Distance Learning Subcommittee. Subsequently, the

approved modified procedures were modified by OCDL who felt it was prudent to add a comment line for faculty to request special handling, if necessary. The modified approved modified procedures were modified by the UEPC and will be sent to S. Brockman.

VII. **Subcommittee Reports.** Minutes were received from the Academic Program Review subcommittee (3/8/01), the General Education Subcommittee (3/23/01), and the Graduate Council (3/15/01)

VIII. **Other.** None.

IX. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Elliott  
Recording Secretary

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