California State University, Stanislaus
University Educational Policies Committee
April 7, 2005

Present: J. Brandt, B. Carroll, R. Esau, R. Floyd, E. Hall, S. Harvey, M. Jaasma, L. Johnson, E. Peterson
Excused: D. Demetrulias, J. Rodgers
Guests: J. Boffman, P. O’Brien, K. Stone

I. Call to Order. R. Floyd 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 24, 2005, were approved as distributed.

IV. Announcements/Reports. R. Floyd reported the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) agreed with the proposed language to be added to the enrollment letters that are sent to international students. Discussions concerning proposed changes in the Strategic Planning Committees are underway in the SEC. J. Boffman and D. Dauwalder have been invited to attend the next SEC meeting to discuss the proposed changes.

V. Old Business
   A. Draft Calendar for College Years 2007-08 and 2008-09. Deferred pending outcome of proposed resolution to the Academic Calendar Preparation Policy, which has been forwarded to the SEC for action by the Academic Senate.

   B. Change in Faculty Options for Grading Students. Deferred pending response from Enrollment Services. L. Bernardo and R. Pugh will join the next scheduled UEPC for a time certain to discuss the Change in Faculty Options for Grading Students.

   C. Consultation on Surveys. The UEPC members continued discussion of the draft Graduating Senior Survey and the draft Alumni Survey. Following discussion, consultation results will be sent to D. Demetrulias.

VI. New Business
   A. GWAR. K. Stone and P. O’Brien joined the UEPC for a time certain to discuss the resolution to reaffirm the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR). The University Writing Committee is charged with the responsibility of assessing the GWAR every 7 years. K. Stone and P. O’Brien reported information regarding current practices of some WP courses and instructors. Prior to students being enrolled in a WP course, the student must pass the Writing Proficiency Screening Test. This is a prerequisite that hasn’t been strictly enforced and is causing problems for students who are petitioning for graduation. Such students may have taken a WP course and passed but were not successful in passing the WPST. The WPST is a screening test to assess students’ writing skills. Following discussion, K. Stone will meet again with the UWC and send a revised resolution to the UEPC for discussion at the next scheduled UEPC meeting.

VII. Subcommittee/Committee Reports. Minutes were received from the Academic Technology Subcommittee (2/24/05).

VIII. Other (information only). The next UEPC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2005, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., in MSR 200.
IX. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Randi Esau
Recording Secretary