California State University, Stanislaus
University Educational Policies Committee
May 5, 2005

Present: J. Brandt, B. Carroll, D. Demetrulias, R. Esau, R. Floyd, E. Hall, M. Jaasma, L. Johnson, E. Peterson, J. Rodgers
Guests: J. Boffman, S. Davis, G. Novak, S. Stryker

I. Call to Order. R. Floyd called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda. The agenda was approved as distributed.

III. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of April 21, 2005, were approved as distributed.

IV. Announcements/Reports. None to report.

V. Old Business
   A. Draft Calendar for College Years 2007-08 and 2008-09. The draft calendar for college year 2007-08 was reviewed by the UEPC members. Following discussion, it was moved by M. Jaasma, seconded by B. Carroll, and voted unanimously to approve the draft calendar for college year 2007-08 as submitted. The second reading of the draft 2008-09 college year calendar was deferred until Fall 2005, pending Presidential approval of the revised Academic Calendar Preparation Policy.

   B. GWAR. The UEPC continued its discussion of the University Writing Committee’s (UWC) resolution to reaffirm the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Suggestions were made regarding the resolution’s structure, and these suggestions will be forwarded by R. Floyd to the UWC and its chair, K. Stone.

   C. Student Involvement on UEPC Subcommittees. Discussion continued regarding the question of whether student representation should become part of the membership on the University Writing Committee and the General Education Subcommittee. Arguments were presented from both sides of the question. Consensus was not reached and this item was tabled until Fall 2005.

VI. New Business
   A. WASC Process and the Self-Study. S. Davis, G. Novak, and S. Stryker joined the UEPC for a time certain to discuss the WASC process and the self-study. They are members of the WASC Leadership Team (WLT) which has been formed as a work group to develop the University’s self study documents and other materials, including a major 15 page document that is due to WASC in May 2006. A WASC overview and timeline were distributed to the UEPC members. WLT members are visiting various groups on campus to collect ideas/suggestions of issues to be addressed in the WASC reports. What are the directions or the themes that WLT should consider? Some themes have emerged from the Strategic Planning Committee and will be considered. For example, student engagement was really important to the faculty. Other suggestions included diversity. Writing issues and technology were identified as major concerns to the UEPC. The WLT members want to be on the “radar screen” of the UEPC, the key academic policy-making body at CSU Stanislaus. The team members asked to be placed for a time certain in early October 2005 and again for the UEPC’s first meeting in February 2006. Comments, directions, themes, and other ideas
can be sent to selfstudy@csustan.edu via email or via campus mail to Self-Study Team, care of the Office of Assessment.

B. 2004/05 Annual Report: Off-Campus/Mediated/Distance Learning Subcommittee. R. Floyd expressed thanks to the members of the Off-Campus/Mediated/Distance Learning Subcommittee for their work and dedication. Following discussion, it was moved by E. Hall, seconded by M. Jaasma, and voted unanimously to approve the 2004/05 Annual Report of the OCMDL Subcommittee pending revision of the Intellectual Property Rights information on page 2. The report should reflect that the IPR policy now rests with the Faculty Affairs Committee, which is in the process of formulating an Ad Hoc Task Force to deal with the broader issue of Intellectual Property Rights. It was noted that D. Demetrulias is the Intellectual Property Rights Officer for CSU Stanislaus, and R. Floyd indicated that D. Demetrulias should contact the chair of FAC to ensure her appropriate participation with the Ad Hoc Task Force.

C. Program Revision: Bachelor of Arts in Music. The UEPC discussed the Program Revision: Bachelor of Arts in Music as a first reading item. Following discussion, it was moved by E. Hall, seconded by L. Johnson, and voted unanimously to move to a second reading. Following discussion, it was moved by M. Jaasma, seconded by E. Hall, and voted unanimously to approve the Program Revision: Bachelor of Arts in Music effective Summer 2005.

D. Program Revision: Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. The UEPC discussed the Program Revision: Bachelor of Science in Mathematics as a first reading item. Following discussion, it was moved by M. Jaasma, seconded by B. Carroll, and voted unanimously to move to a second reading. Following discussion, it was moved by M. Jaasma, seconded by B. Carroll, and voted unanimously to approve the Program Revision: Bachelor of Science in Mathematics effective Summer 2005.

E. Program Revision: Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics Without Subject Matter Preparation Program. The UEPC discussed the Program Revision: Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics Without Subject Matter Preparation Program as a first reading item. Following discussion, it was moved by B. Carroll, seconded by E. Hall, and voted unanimously to move to a second reading. Following discussion, it was moved by L. Johnson, seconded by M. Jaasma, and voted unanimously to approve the Program Revision: Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics Without Subject Matter Preparation effective Summer 2005.

F. 2004/05 Annual Report: Academic Technology Subcommittee. R. Floyd expressed thanks to the members of the Academic Technology Subcommittee for their work and dedication. Following discussion, it was moved by M. Jaasma, seconded by B. Carroll, and voted unanimously to approve the 2004/05 Annual Report of the Academic Technology Subcommittee.

G. 2004/05 Annual Report: General Education Subcommittee. R. Floyd expressed thanks to the members of the General Education Subcommittee for their hard work, dedication, and submission of an excellent report. The careful documentation of the subcommittee’s activities, actions, and recommendations will prove useful for WASC accreditation and next year’s general education committee. Following discussion, it was moved by B. Carroll,
seconded by M. Jaasma, and voted unanimously to approve the 2004/05 Annual Report of the General Education Subcommittee noting there are many items that will need attention during 2005/06.

VII. Subcommittee/Committee Reports. Minutes were received from the Academic Technology Subcommittee (3/24/05), the General Education Subcommittee (4/18/05), and the Graduate Council (3/17/05).

VIII. Other (information only).
A. Programmatic Initiatives. The Programmatic Initiatives document was distributed to the UEPC members for information on the various colleges’ planning for future academic programs.

B. SB 724 (CSU: Doctoral Degrees). D. Demetrulias reported that the CSU system has proposed a legislative bill that would allow the CSU to offer specific types of applied and professional doctorates apart from the UC system. She reported that this is of significant importance to the CSU and should be kept in the forefront of the UEPC.

IX. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m. The committee members expressed thanks and appreciation to R. Floyd for serving as Chair for 2004/05.

Respectfully submitted,

Randi Esau
Recording Secretary

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