

California State University, Stanislaus
University Educational Policies Committee
October 27, 2005

Present: A. Campbell, B. Carroll, D. Demetrulias, R. Esau, R. Floyd, T. Mahoney, E. Peterson,
L. Vieira
Guests: N. Clark, G. Novak
Excused: J. Brandt, M. Salisbury

- I. **Call to Order.** E. Peterson 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 October 13, 2005, were approved as distributed.
- IV. **Announcements/Reports.** See discussion on Recommendation of Winter Term in item V. F.
- V. **Old Business**
 - A. **Student Involvement on UEPC Subcommittees.** Following discussion, it was moved by R. Floyd, seconded by L. Vieira, and voted unanimously to affirm the current membership and charge of each of the UEPC Subcommittees.
 - B. **Postbaccalaureate Credit.** Deferred pending response from Enrollment Services.
 - C. **Facilitating Graduation (formerly Graduation and Advising Initiative Task Force Report).** The UEPC continued its discussions regarding facilitating graduation at CSU Stanislaus. R. Esau will prepare a summary document of the items being discussed to move the UEPC closer to a progress report and possible recommendation to the Provost.
 - D. **Themes and Inquiry Questions for Institutional Self-Study.** Deferred until the next scheduled UEPC meeting.
 - E. **Resolution regarding Registration Priority from Graduate Council.** Deferred until the next scheduled UEPC meeting.
 - F. **Recommendation on Winter Term.** E. Peterson reported the Faculty Budget Advisory Committee (FBAC) is concerned with the possible loss of fiscal resources if the mandatory requirement for enrolling in Winter Term is removed. D. Demetrulias reported that additional information is being gathered to address concerns as mandatory enrollment is the critical variable in the proposal from the Winter Term Group. The questions being researched follow: 1) How many students submit a waiver for winter term and were approved over the past 5 years; 2) How many students did not submit a waiver, did not attend all mandatory winter terms, but were cleared at graduation anyway; 3) How is student course load distributed over terms – for those who do not enroll in winter term, is their total course load higher or lower or comparable to those who take winter term; 4) How many (percentage) of our students are on financial aid and must attend winter term. B. Carroll is to seek clarification from FBAC to pinpoint the exact objections the committee has regarding the Recommendation on Winter Term.

VI. New Business

- A. Academic Calendars – Saturday as Instruction Day.** Deferred until the next scheduled UEPC meeting.
- B. Request to Discontinue the Interpersonal Studies Minor.** Deferred until the next scheduled UEPC meeting.
- C. Suggested Guidelines for Online Courses.** Deferred until the next scheduled UEPC meeting.
- D. Assessment.** G. Novak joined the UEPC to give an update on the structure of assessment and the various roles of committees and individuals. With the move toward reaccreditation and the WASC self-study, some of the assessment activities have been restructured. The Associate Vice President for Assessment and Quality Assurance, D. Demetrulias, is responsible for overseeing university-wide assessment and educational effectiveness. The Faculty Coordinator for the Assessment of Student Learning, G. Novak, provides leadership in assessment of student learning. G. Novak will continue to come to UEPC on occasion with updates and perhaps some initiatives pertaining to improving assessment. He will also work directly with the Assessment of Student Learning Subcommittee to develop recommendations for policies and procedures regarding assessment. During the previous accreditation review with WASC, four areas of the University were identified which need attention: technology, faculty scholarship, library, and assessment. G. Novak stated that assessment of the current General Education program requires attention and discussions are underway to provide a stronger infrastructure to support faculty efforts in the assessment of general education. There is a meeting scheduled for November 7, 2005, from 2:30-4:00 p.m., in MSR 130C regarding the General Education program and possible leadership structures.

VII. Subcommittee/Committee Reports. Minutes were received from the Graduate Council (10/6/05, 10/20/05) and the Off-Campus/Mediated/Distance Learning Subcommittee (4/19/05). The Academic Technology Subcommittee minutes of 4/21/05 were discussed. The subcommittee is requesting the UEPC take action regarding departmental elaborations. The UEPC members require more information before rendering a decision. R. Esau will send a memorandum to the AT Subcommittee Chair seeking clarification of the inquiry and recommendation noted in the 4/21/05 AT Subcommittee minutes.

VIII. Other (information only).

IX. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next UEPC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2005, 1:00-3:00 p.m., in MSR 200.

Respectfully submitted,

Randi Esau
Recording Secretary