

California State University, Stanislaus  
**University Educational Policies Committee**  
March 9, 2006

Present: J. Brandt, B. Carroll, R. Esau, R. Floyd, L. Johnson, C. Minor, E. Peterson, A. Schmidt  
Guests: J. Boffman, S. Marshall  
Excused: D. Demetrulias, T. Mahoney, 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 February 23, 2006, were approved as distributed.
- IV. **Announcements/Reports.** E. Peterson reported that the ALS College Restructuring Proposal passed the Academic Senate and is awaiting the approval of the President. She also reported that discussions are underway regarding the Department of Economics possibly joining the College of Business Administration.
- V. **Old Business**
  - A. **Facilitating Graduation.** Deferred until additional data are secured.
  - B. **Recommendation on Winter Term.** Deferred until the Winter Term Committee requests action from the UEPC.
  - C. **Academic Technology Subcommittee Clarification of RPT Elaborations.** The UEPC received a memorandum from D. Sayers regarding RPT elaborations. Following discussion, the UEPC agreed to add a cover memorandum (at the approval of the AT Subcommittee) addressed to all departments stating that the document being sent from the Academic Technology Subcommittee is for information and can be used as a guiding document for RPT elaborations at the department level. E. Peterson will draft the cover memorandum and send it to the UEPC members via email for review/approval.
- VI. **New Business**
  - A. **Gerontology Graduate Certificate.** As a consultation item, the UEPC received a copy of the Gerontology Graduate Certificate proposal. B. Carroll mentioned that the *History of Aging* independent study course may be a valuable resource for the certificate. He will contact P. O'Brien to see if this elective course could be included as an independent study course for the certificate. J. Brandt suggested the proposal include more details about resource needs, specifically Library resources. Following discussion, the UEPC agreed to support the Gerontology Graduate Certificate when it goes before the Academic Senate for action.
  - B. **Discontinuation of the French Major.** J. Boffman joined the UEPC for a time certain to discuss the possible discontinuation of the French major. After careful evaluation from the special review committee, a recommendation has been made to suspend temporarily for three years the French major, adding that no new students be accepted as majors after academic year 2005/06. During the period of suspension, the Department of Philosophy/Modern Languages will evaluate the possibility of offering the major with a number of its upper division courses via the Virtual Language Laboratory. The goal is to examine possibilities and student interest in the next three years with the expectation that the program be reactivated effective 2009 or seek its discontinuance. Following discussion,

it was moved by R. Floyd, seconded by L. Johnson, and unanimously voted to support the recommendation to suspend the French major with the sincere hope that the Department of Philosophy/Modern Languages makes every effort to revive the French major and consider systemwide options and increased opportunities to provide more upper division language programs.

**VII. Subcommittee/University Committee Reports.** None to report.

**VIII. Other (information only).** S. Filling will join the UEPC at its next meeting to discuss a proposal from the University Writing Committee.

**IX. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next UEPC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 23, 2006, 1:00-3:00 p.m., in MSR 200.

Respectfully submitted,

Randi Esau  
Recording Secretary

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