

California State University, Stanislaus
University Educational Policies Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2010

Present: R. Albert, R. Asher, R. Esau (recording), R. Floyd, A. Garza, F. Lin, I. Littlewood (proxy for P. Petratos), M. Martin, C. Stessman

Excused: M. Bender, E. Broadwater, D. Demetrulias, S. Filling, P. Petratos

- I. **Call to Order.** I. Littlewood called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.
- II. **Approval of Agenda.** The agenda was approved as distributed.
- III. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of December 17, 2009, were approved as distributed.
- IV. **Announcements/Reports.** It was announced that the Department Chairs will be meeting with the President on January 19, 2010. The General Education Academic Program Review meeting with the Provost is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 2010. M. Martin reported the Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Policies Committee members (RSCAPC) met and are preparing the results of the faculty survey that was sent out during the fall semester. It was announced that C. Whitman is no longer the Interim Director of the Library and that A. Hor has been assigned the position of Interim Dean or Director of the Library (formal position title has not been made public). It is unknown if there is a formal search being conducted and whether or not the Library is to remain organizationally under Information Technology.
- V. **Old Business**
 - A. **Online Courses.** A. Garza and I. Littlewood met with the Technology and Learning Subcommittee to discuss the proposed Policy for Technology and Mediated Courses and Programs. Based on discussions, the policy is being revised completely. This item is deferred until a revised policy is received from the Technology and Learning Subcommittee.
 - B. **Suggestions from Self-Study Inquiry Circles for Campus Consideration.** The UEPC was asked to consider the suggestion from Inquiry Circle One to “develop a student engagement project in which students evaluate engagement and explain the meaningfulness of the baccalaureate and graduate experience.” As part of a case study, programs undergoing Academic Program Review in 2008/09 were invited to add an “engagement” criterion under the section on “Commitment to Student Learning” in which programs describe departmental efforts/accomplishments to promote student engagement in learning. At the conclusion of the process, departments will express their views for adding student engagement as a permanent criterion. Further discussion is deferred until feedback regarding the “engagement” criterion is received from the departments undergoing the 2008/09 Academic Program Review cycle.

- C. New Degree Program Proposal: Bachelor of Science in Health Science with a Concentration in Community Health Education and Advocacy.** The UEPC reviewed the New Degree Program Proposal for the Bachelor of Science in Health Science as a second reading item. It was discussed that the proposal will need to be reviewed by the Faculty Budget Advisory Committee in light of the current fiscal climate and the resource needs indicated in the proposal. Following discussion, it was moved by C. Stessman, seconded by R. Albert, and voted unanimously to approve the New Degree Program Proposal for the Bachelor of Science in Health Science with a Concentration in Community Health Education and Advocacy. I. Littlewood will inquire if the Faculty Budget Advisory Committee has added the degree program proposal to its agenda.
- D. Discussion of Addition of Non-Tenure Track Faculty Member to UEPC.** It was reported that other Academic Senate committees are discussing the possibility of adding a non-tenure track faculty position to its committee membership. This would require a constitutional change. Several questions were raised concerning the possibility of adding a non-tenure track faculty position to the UEPC. The following questions were raised: 1) Can the UEPC make the recommendation that assigned time be made available for non-tenure track faculty positions on Senate committees? 2) Do other campuses have non-tenure track representation on Senate committees? 3) If the UEPC makes the recommendation to add a non-tenure track faculty position to the committee membership and there are no non-tenure track faculty members available to fill the position, can it be stated that the position does not need to be filled? I. Littlewood will pose the questions to the Senate Executive Committee and report back to the UEPC members at the next scheduled UEPC meeting.
- VI. New Business.** None to report.
- VII. Subcommittee/Committee Reports.** None were reported.
- VIII. Other (information only).** The next UEPC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2010, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., in MSR 200.
- VI. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Randi Esau
Recording Secretary