

California State University, Stanislaus
University Educational Policies Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2009

Present: R. Albert, R. Asher, M. Bender, E. Broadwater, D. Demetrulias, R. Esau (recording),
S. Filling, R. Floyd, A. Garza, F. Lin, I. Littlewood, M. Martin, P. Petratos

Excused: C. Stessman

Guests: S. Davis, C. De Vries, B. Duggan, S. Marshall

- I. **Call to Order.** I. Littlewood called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
- II. **Approval of Agenda.** The UEPC agenda was approved as distributed with the addition of VI. New Business C. Discussion of Bringing a Vote of No Confidence in President Shirvani to the Academic Senate as an Action Item.
- III. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of October 8, 2009, were approved as distributed.
- IV. **Announcements/Reports.** I. Littlewood announced that 18/AS/09/SEC-UEPC Joint Resolution for Support of the UEPC Academic Calendar Report was approved by the Academic Senate. Copies of the resolution were distributed to the UEPC members. M. Martin reported the Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Policies Committee met on October 16, 2009. The RSCAPC drafted a letter to the President thanking him for the \$50,000 that was made available for RSCA grants for 2009/10 and requesting additional funds be identified in order to bring the grant funding up to the normal amount. The RSCAPC is compiling results of the RSCA Survey and will distribute the results to all faculty once complete.
- V. **Old Business**
 - A. **Academic Calendar.** R. Albert provided via email a proposal "Revising the Academic Calendar" prepared by the Associated Students, Inc. which is being shared with the President as an alternative suggestion to preserve Winter Term. Due to a full agenda, this item was not discussed, and I. Littlewood may need to call a special meeting in which to discuss the proposal at length before the next regularly scheduled UEPC meeting.
 - B. **Online Courses.** C. De Vries and B. Duggan joined the UEPC to present the proposed Policy for Technology Mediated Courses and Programs drafted by the Technology and Learning Subcommittee. It is the recommendation of the Technology and Learning Subcommittee that the proposed policy supersede the Suggested Guidelines for Online Courses which received UEPC approval on December 8, 2005. Several suggestions were made including acknowledgment of regional and specialized accreditation requirements, the use of "should" throughout the policy instead of "will," additional language to strengthen the section on the library, adding general guidelines as a helpful resource to faculty, and adding definitions on what constitutes a mediated course. C. De Vries will revise the proposed policy and discuss with the Technology and Learning Subcommittee. Further discussion is deferred until the revised policy is received by the UEPC.

- C. **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.

 - D. **General Education Academic Program Review.** S. Davis and S. Marshall joined the UEPC to discuss the General Education Academic Program Review draft. Specifically, the UEPC members are asked to help with prioritizing the recommendations made in the self-study. Results of the General Education Academic Program Review identified a lack of focus on interdisciplinary/integrative studies. The General Education Subcommittee received a proposal recommending that a fourth area of upper-division general education study be created: a F4 Interdisciplinary Studies category. The G.E. program would require that students take 3 out of 4 areas of upper-division general education (one course in area F4 and two other courses in areas F1, F2, or F3 that is not part of their major requirements). Also, it was recommended to make area G upper-division only. Currently, there are approximately 3 lower-division courses included in area G. In addition, the G.E. Subcommittee is looking at rewriting the General Education program so that it is less complex, making advising students in the G.E. program more understandable. To move the General Education Academic Program Review forward in the review process, it was recommended that the draft report be sent to the Senate Executive Committee and the Academic Senate as an information item. R. Esau will contact I. Pierce and request that the G.E. APR be placed on the November 10, 2009, Academic Senate agenda as an information item. The members are asked to review the draft document and its appendices which are available online at http://www.csustan.edu/GE/Pages/documents/GEDraftAPR.4-10-09_001.pdf in preparation for continued discussion at the next scheduled UEPC meeting. Following UEPC review, the G.E. APR will be forwarded to the interim provost for review and discussion with I. Littlewood, S. Davis, S. Marshall, and D. Demetrulias.

 - E. **New Degree Program Proposal: Bachelor of Science in Health Science with a Concentration in Community Health Education and Advocacy.** Deferred.
- VI. **New Business.**
- A. **5-year Centers and Institutes Report: Behavior Intervention Services.** Deferred.

 - B. **5-year Centers and Institutes Report: Center for Direct Instruction.** Deferred.

 - C. **Discussion of Bringing a Vote of No Confidence in President Shirvani to the Academic Senate as an Action Item.** The Senate Executive Committee is asking faculty governance committees to discuss the possibility of bringing a vote of no confidence in

President Shirvani to the Academic Senate for action. Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded to give the UEPC's endorsement to the SEC to move a vote of no confidence in President Shirvani to the Academic Senate agenda as an action item. The motion was approved with secret ballot results of 10 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention.

VII. Other (information only). The next UEPC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2009, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., in MSR 200.

VIII. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Randi Esau
Recording Secretary

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