

California State University, Stanislaus  
**University Educational Policies Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 8, 2009**

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

Excused: E. Broadwater

- 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. I. Littlewood requested that item VI. F. be discussed first.
- III. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of September 24, 2009, were approved as distributed.
- IV. **Announcements/Reports.**
- V. **Old Business**
  - A. **Academic Calendar.**
  - B. **Online Courses.** C. De Vries was not able to attend today's meeting. C. De Vries, B. Duggan, B. Eudey, and C. Whitman will be given a time certain of 1:15pm at the next scheduled UEPC meeting to present the proposed Policy for Technology Mediated Courses and Programs drafted by the Technology and Learning Subcommittee.
  - 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.** I. Littlewood will remind the college deans to complete a college-level review of the General Education Academic Program Review and forward comments to the UEPC. I. Littlewood will invite S. Davis and S. Marshall for a time certain of 2:00pm at the next scheduled UEPC meeting to discuss the General Education Academic Program Review. The UEPC members are asked to review the document in its entirety in preparation for that meeting.
  - E. **Exception to General Education Upper-Division Rule.** The current upper-division General Education requirements state that "students will not be given upper-division General Education credit for coursework in the discipline(s) of their major or

concentration.” The Liberal Studies department is requesting a waiver of this requirement for its Liberal Studies Concentration in Natural Sciences. While the UEPC is sympathetic to the students taking this concentration, the members do not feel that a waiver should be granted. Following discussion, it was moved by S. Filling, seconded by R. Floyd, and voted unanimously, with one abstention, to not allow a waiver of the upper-division General Education requirements for the Liberal Studies Concentration in Natural Sciences and to encourage the Liberal Studies department to revise the concentration requirements such that one of the given courses is removed from the concentration requirements and optioned to General Education.

- F. General Education Subcommittee 2008/09 Annual Report.** The UEPC wishes to thank the members of the General Education Subcommittee for their hard work and dedication. Following discussion, it was moved by R. Floyd, seconded by M. Bender, and voted unanimously to approve the General Education Subcommittee 2008/09 Annual Report.
- G. University Writing Committee 2008/09 Annual Report.** The UEPC wishes to thank the members of the University Writing Committee for their time and dedication. It was noted in the annual report that there was a decision made by the UWC to allow ART 4980 to count as a Writing Proficiency course for a few students. The UEPC is requesting more information as this is an exception to set policy, allowing a substitution of an independent study course to count for WP credit. It is unclear whether this exception was forwarded to Academic Programs to assure the curricular changes are coded correctly in the database. Following discussion, it was moved by S. Filling, seconded by M. Bender, and voted unanimously to approve the University Writing Committee 2008/09 Annual Report. S. Filling will investigate the ART 4980 issue and report his findings at the next scheduled UEPC meeting.
- H. Priority Registration Proposal.** R. Albert reported this item is under consideration by the Associated Students, Inc. and is not yet ready for UEPC consideration. This item will be removed from the agenda until the UEPC receives a formal proposal from the ASI.

**VI. New Business.**

- A. Technology and Learning Subcommittee 2008/09 Annual Report.** The UEPC wishes to thank the members of the Technology and Learning Subcommittee for their hard work and dedication. Following discussion, it was moved by C. Stessman, seconded by F. Lin, and voted unanimously to approve the Technology and Learning Subcommittee 2008/09 Annual Report.
- B. Program Revision: Bachelor of Science in Nursing – Pre-Licensure Track.** The UEPC members discussed the program revision for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Pre-Licensure Track as a first reading item. Revisions include adding NURS 3600 and NURS 3060 to the curriculum. Students would be given the option of taking either of these courses. In addition, CS 4000 would be deleted as a corequisite and replaced with BIOL 4350 as an option for G.E. area F1. PHIL 4430 would be added as a corequisite and option for G.E. area F2. Students would be given the option to take PHIL 4401 or PHIL 4430 in order to address ethical issues from either a professional or bioethical perspective. The question of allowing corequisites to count toward G.E. credit when said corequisites are required in the major was raised. Using the strict definition that

“students will not be given upper-division General Education credit for coursework in the discipline(s) of their major or concentration,” the corequisites are outside of the discipline (i.e., not NURS coursework). I. Littlewood will contact the G.E. Subcommittee to confirm the interpretation of upper-division G.E. credit for coursework in the discipline(s) of the major or concentration. Following discussion, it was moved by M. Bender, seconded by R. Floyd, and voted unanimously to move to a second reading. It was moved by M. Bender, seconded by R. Floyd, and voted unanimously to approve the program revision for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Pre-Licensure Track.

- 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 first reading item. Questions were asked regarding the proposal including the creation of a new department within the College of Human and Health Sciences without requesting additional resources, utilizing existing faculty to teach new courses in the current budget climate, library resources, identifying the demand for the major, and the layout of the program unit requirements. S. Filling will forward the proposal and appendices to the Faculty Budget Advisory Committee for review. I. Littlewood encouraged the UEPC members to continue reviewing the proposal between now and the next scheduled UEPC meeting.
  - D. **5-year Centers and Institutes Report: Behavior Intervention Services.** Deferred.
  - E. **5-year Centers and Institutes Report: Center for Direct Instruction.** Deferred.
  - F. **New Prefix: KINS (Kinesiology).** Following discussion, it was moved by R. Floyd, seconded by M. Bender, and unanimously voted to approve the establishment of the KINS prefix (Kinesiology). The Department of Kinesiology is planning on submitting program revisions and modified course proposals which will include the new KINS prefix.
- VII. **Other (information only).** The next UEPC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2009, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., in MSR 200.
- VIII. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Randi Esau  
Recording Secretary