



To: Steven Filling,

Robert Werling, Chair, University Educational Policy Committee (UEPC),

2019-2020

**Date:** May 6, 2020

RE: Annual Report of the UEPC, 2019-2020

Dear Faculty, Administrators and Students:

COVID-19 interrupted the 2019-2020 academic year that led to cancelled face-to-face classes and brought about a virtual reality. UEPC found itself in the same situation as the rest of the university. However, through the magic of Zoom, we completed several projects that will impact California State University, Stanislaus.

# **New Policies/Policy Changes**

**16/AS/20/UEPC Priority Registration for Student Athletes**--this resolution provides student athletes with first-pass priority registration. Student athletes will register after state and federally mandated early registration groups (present or former military, foster youth, and disabled students) and before general class-level groups on first pass registration.

**24/AS/20/UEPC Credit/No Credit**--this policy change will extend the time provided for students to change from a letter grade to credit/no credit from the census date of each semester to 14 days before the first day of finals each semester. After that date, faculty approval will be needed.

# Sense of the Senate

**25/AS/19/UEPC Support of an ethnic studies requirement for baccalaureate degree programs**--understanding of ethnic studies was acknowledged as a necessary qualification for citizens in our society and thus was approved recommended as a requirement for a baccalaureate degree at California State University, Stanislaus. The Academic Senate approved a sense of the senate that was forwarded to the statewide academic senate as recognition of this belief.

**07/AS/20/UEPC Information Literacy**--the Academic Senate at California State University, Stanislaus recognizes the need for information literacy in our information-saturated society. True/false, fake/real, research/opinion--what do citizens need to know in order to be as informed as possible? Information literacy should be part of every major offered by the university.





#### **New Classes**

**27/AS/19/UEPC Pilot Program Proposal for Stan State Bachelor of Art in Creative Media**--a new major is being offered through the School of Art for anyone wishing to pursue a degree in creative media. The pilot program was proposed and will be in effect for five years to determine viability.

**03/AS/20/UEPC Cybersecurity Minor**--because cybersecurity is becoming so necessary in our technological society and that form of security reaches into so many areas of our society, the minor in cybersecurity was created to offer students following a desired course of study (e.g.: history, philosophy, psychology, business, social work, etc.) a highly valued additional skill when they enter the job market.

**06/AS/20/UEPC B.S. in Health Promotion**--the Kinesiology Department requested that health promotion be promoted from concentration to major within their department. Health Promotion will offer Kinesiology majors skills that are highly valued in the job market.

**20/AS/20/UEPC Pre-Law Minor**--many students in various majors have aspirations of becoming a lawyer. Few faculty are able to provide needed information on courses that will improve chances of successful application to law school, what to study for the LSAT, or what it means to be a lawyer. The pre-law minor provides students with the tools necessary to accomplish their goal, be accepted by, and do well in law school.

**12/AS/20/UEPC Cybersecurity Concentration**--much as the aforementioned cybersecurity minor offered students from various disciplines and opportunity to gain knowledge of security in a technological age, the cybersecurity concentration prepares students who are studying computer science a more in-depth, broad-based understanding of cybersecurity.

# Form Creation/Changes

### Academic Calendar for 2022-2023

**Revised RPT Calendar**--made the RPT process an annual process rather than a semester specific activity.

**Changes to Couse/University Withdrawal Form** and **Changes to Course Add Petition Form**--these two forms were streamlined, requiring fewer signatures and offering online access.





### **Future Business**

There is still much to be done. UEPC Chair Cathlin Davis will have a full agenda to begin the 2020-2021 Academic Year. The items UEPC will deal with next year are:

- Academic Dishonesty Policy
- Revision to the Undergraduate Advising Policy/ASI Advising Resolution
- Core Competency FLC Policy/Procedure
- Grade Appeal Policy
- Notifications Regarding Mandatory Course Materials (Connect, First Day, etc.)
- AS-3397-19AA Towards Implementation of an Ethnic Studies System Requirement
- First Day Pilot Project
- Ad Hoc Committee on the Multicultural Requirement- Charge B proposal
- Community College Articulation Question
- EO 1100 and EO 1110 Policy Issues