

California State University, Stanislaus
University Educational Policies Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2014

Present: R. Esau (recording), J. Garcia, M. Hight, M. Jaasma, V. Leyva, J. Sankey, M. Salameh, K. Schoenly, A. Strahm, R. Werling, S. Zong

Excused: M. Grobner

Guests: L. Goodwin, E. Hall, M. Perea-Ryan, B. Powell

- I. **Call to Order.** K. Schoenly called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
- II. **Approval of Agenda.** The agenda was approved as distributed.
- III. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of March 13, 2014, and March 27, 2014, were approved as distributed.
- IV. **Announcements/Reports.** The Syllabus Requirements Policy was passed at Academic Senate. There was discussion concerning the Academic Calendar and the lateness of spring break. This topic will become a New Business item for the first fall 2014 UEPC meeting.
- V. **Subcommittee/Committee Reports.**
 - A. **Graduate Council Minutes (2/20/14).** Minutes were reviewed from the Graduate Council (2/20/14).
- VI. **Old Business**
 - A. **Repeat Courses Policy.** L. Bernardo shared the fall 2013 data on course repeats. With the new module in place to enforce EO 1037 for course repeats, students who attempt to repeat a course beyond their second repeat will now receive a pop-up message during registration indicating that they cannot register for the course. The student would have to come to Enrollment Services to petition for special permission to repeat the course again. The UEPC members recommend that there be no change in the current Repeat Courses Policy at this time. It was suggested that a sentence be added to the screen alert for students indicating the current policy language. L. Bernardo will check into the feasibility of adding the sentence to the module. This item is completed and will be removed from the agenda.
 - B. **New Concentration: Bachelor of Arts in Kinesiology, Concentration in Health Promotion.** The UEPC is reviewing the New Concentration: Bachelor of Arts in Kinesiology, Concentration in Health Promotion as a second reading. The UEPC received a memorandum dated 3/18/14 from D. Tavernier citing objection to the proposed concentration. In response, the UEPC invited D. Tavernier for a time certain to discuss the objection. L. Goodwin and M. Perea-Ryan are attending today's meeting in D. Tavernier's absence. B. Powell and E. Hall were invited to participate in the discussion, to be able to respond to questions as appropriate. M. Perea-Ryan addressed the UEPC members, stressing that the concerns surrounding the proposal come from the Bachelor of Science in Health Science degree and

not the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. When the Health Science degree was drafted, the proposal included a concentration in Health Education. The financial climate at the time did not allow finances for a new State-side program when there was threat of other programs losing funding. The proposal was revised to be offered through University Extended Education through self-support with one concentration in Health Leadership and Administration. In order to get the new degree program approved by the campus and the Chancellor's Office, it was decided to not pursue the Health Education concentration. The Bachelor of Science degree program in Health Science and the associated concentration in Health Leadership and Administration was approved to be offered through self-support effective fall 2013. The School of Nursing houses the B.S. in Health Science degree, although it is interdisciplinary in nature. The School of Nursing was going to resubmit a proposal for the Health Education concentration when the financial climate improved. The Department of Kinesiology has experienced rapid growth since 2007, handling approximately 400 students in the current B.A. in Kinesiology program. The department is poised to offer the Health Promotion concentration, expecting to handle 150 students with the existing faculty. Following a careful deliberation of the available documentation and the views expressed, the UEPC found no compelling reason why the Kinesiology proposal should be delayed or denied. It was moved by A. Strahm, seconded by V. Leyva, and voted unanimously to approve the New Concentration: Bachelor of Arts in Kinesiology, Concentration Health Promotion effective fall 2015. The UEPC based its decision on the urgent and growing need for our campus to offer a transfer major for the hundreds of "pre-nursing" students who are denied admission to the Nursing program but who wish to pursue an alternative career in the health field. The UEPC also wishes to remind the School of Nursing that its B.S. in Health Science, which is currently offered through self-support, will require the review and approval of the UEPC, FBAC, the Provost's Office, and the Chancellor's Office to convert the program to State-support should the School of Nursing wish to pursue a second concentration in Health Education to be offered State-side. The UEPC wishes to note that even if such a process were started now, students would be required to wait 1 to 2 years before the concentration was offered. In sum, the UEPC believes that the concentration in Health Promotion, proposed by the Department of Kinesiology, fulfills both the intent and capacity for meeting the immediate needs of our students.

- C. Priority Registration for Super Seniors (150 units or more).** M. Salameh reported that ASI recommends a lower priority registration for students who have completed 150 units or attempted 180 units. Currently, this would affect approximately 50 students out of 7,300 registration appointments made for summer/fall 2014 registration. At 150 units, financial aid stops and the student must go into the Financial Aid Office to petition for additional aid. Following discussion, the UEPC members agreed that there is no need to recommend a change in the current priority registration for these super seniors. The issue seems to be that these students cannot get into the classes that they need in order to graduate. Changing the registration priority for these students would not help the issue. This agenda item is complete and will be removed from the agenda.
- D. Minimum GPAs for Minors.** Currently, there is no minimum GPA requirement for minors. Only two minor programs (Chemistry and Business) list a minimum GPA requirement for completion. It was agreed that a minor must have a minimum grade point average of 2.0. A policy and resolution for Minimum Grade Point Average for Minors will be drafted and reviewed at the next scheduled UEPC meeting.

E. Instructor Withdrawal Policy. The Senate Executive Committee offered suggested revisions to the Instructor Withdrawal Policy and resolution. Several revisions were made for additional clarification. Following discussion, the revised policy and resolution will be forwarded to SEC for Academic Senate consideration.

VII. New Business.

A. Instructional Technology Needs. Faculty who attended eAcademies during summer 2013 indicated there is a need for increased instructional technology support on campus. It was suggested that the Technology and Learning Subcommittee of the UEPC be charged with investigating this issue and make a recommendation that could be shared with University Advancement as a means to secure external or, perhaps, internal funding for instructional technology needs. Following discussion, it was agreed to forward this item to the TL Subcommittee for investigation and possible action.

B. Course Proposals. The UEPC received a draft resolution (untitled) from Speaker-elect B. Carroll on 12/5/13. The UEPC is being asked to review the draft resolution. The resolution states that “decisions regarding approval or disapproval of a course proposal shall be made solely on the basis of the quality of the proposal...and, that the rationale for withholding approval of a course proposal shall be framed solely in terms of the quality of the proposal.” The UEPC members will discuss the draft resolution at the next scheduled UEPC meeting.

C. Two-Pass Registration System Report. The UEPC members were asked to review the report provided by Enrollment Management and be prepared to discuss this at the next scheduled UEPC meeting.

D. Latin Honors. Deferred.

E. OIT Maintenance Days. Deferred (requiring annual consultation between OIT and the UEPC).

F. Policy for Change of Major, Adding a Second Major, Adding an Additional Minor. Deferred.

G. Program Revision: Bachelor of Arts in Art, Concentration in Art History. Deferred.

VIII. Other (information only). The last UEPC meeting of the academic year is scheduled for Thursday, May 8, 2014, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., in MSR 200.

IX. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Randi Esau, Recording Secretary