

California State University, Stanislaus  
**University Educational Policies Committee**  
September 11, 2003

Present: B. Carroll, D. Demetrulias, R. Esau, M. Estrella, R. Floyd, M. Jaasma, P. Luo, P. Peters,  
C. Watkins  
Excused: A. Wagner  
Guest: J. Boffman

- I. **Call to Order.** C. Watkins called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
- II. **Approval of Agenda.** The agenda was approved as distributed.
- III. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of May 1, 2003, were approved as distributed.
- IV. **Announcements/Reports.** C. Watkins reported that a representative from the University Educational Policies Committee is needed to serve on the University Strategic Goals and Priorities Committee for 2003/04. Following discussion, R. Floyd agreed to serve on the USGPC for 2003/04.
- V. **Old Business**
  - A. **Proposal to Create a Foreign Language Graduation Requirement.** Following discussion of the Proposal to Create a Foreign Language Graduation Requirement, the UEPC is requesting that the Department of Modern Languages, the American Council on Education (ACE) Team, and the Department of Liberal Studies come together to create a revised, cooperative proposal that will focus on the experiential aspects of a foreign language graduation requirement versus a focus on the measurement of competency in a foreign language. The revised, cooperative proposal will need to be consistent with the ACE goals that have been forwarded to the UEPC for discussion (see *Old Business*, item C).

The current proposal requires 3 semester units of collegiate study in a single foreign language in fulfillment of the graduation requirement. There are several other options for students to choose from to fulfill the requirement, but having the 3 semester units as an option will not blend with the Liberal Studies majors at CSU Stanislaus. The Liberal Studies program cannot add additional units without putting the program at risk with the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. This agenda item will be deferred until a revised, cooperative proposal has been submitted to the UEPC for review and approval.
  - B. **Policy for Discontinuance of Academic Programs.** Prior to submitting revisions of the Policy for Discontinuance of Academic Programs to the Academic Senate, the UEPC will look further at the policy to determine any inconsistencies and/or suggest more precise language.
  - C. **American Council on Education (ACE) – Global Learning for All.** The UEPC received the draft learning goals from the ACE Team. Following discussion of the draft, several questions were developed for L. Bunney-Sarhad and A. Schulz (co-chairs of the ACE Team) to address at the next scheduled UEPC meeting on 9/25/03, for a time certain of 2:00 p.m.

- D. Program Revision: Bachelor of Arts, Spanish Major.** The UEPC discussed the Program Revision: Bachelor of Arts, Spanish Major. Of concern is the proposed addition of 6 units to the degree without a compelling programmatic rationale of the additional units for the major or for the students in the program. There needs to be a clearer statement of how this new major differs from the old. The UEPC recommends that the entire program be looked at to build a comprehensive major to include a stronger conceptualization of the program, clarification of fiscal cost analysis, a review of programmatic needs, and a stronger rationale for the increase in units. A motion was made by M. Jaasma, seconded by R. Floyd, and voted unanimously to not approve the Program Revision: Bachelor of Arts, Spanish Major as proposed. A memo detailing the UEPC's decision and identifying the issues will be sent to E. Lopez-Contreras, Chair of the Department of Modern Languages.

## VI. New Business

- A. Elect UEPC Representative to Serve on the RSCAPC for 2003/04.** C. Watkins will contact A. Wagner to find out if he would be available to serve as the UEPC representative on the RSCAP Committee for 2003/04.
- B. 2002/03 Annual Report: Academic Program Review Subcommittee.** C. Watkins expressed thanks to the members of the Academic Program Review Subcommittee for their work in 2002/03. A copy of the *Policy for Substitution of Accreditation Self-Study Reports for the Academic Program Review Document* (UEPC approved 3/25/93; Senate approved 4/13/93) will be provided to the APR Subcommittee. Following discussion, it was moved by B. Carroll, seconded by M. Jaasma, and voted unanimously to approve the 2002/03 Annual Report from the Academic Program Review Subcommittee.

The UEPC members discussed the Academic Program Review Pilot Process. The UEPC minutes of 4/25/02 state that the UEPC voted unanimously to "...approve the request to extend the pilot model for academic program review through AY 2002/03." In order to assess the success of the pilot model, the UEPC is requesting that an assessment report from the Office of Institutional Research, Planning, and Accountability be received by 11/20/03. A memo will be sent to D. Dauwalder requesting the Academic Program Review Pilot Process Assessment Report.

- C. 2002/03 Annual Report: Academic Technology Subcommittee.** C. Watkins expressed thanks to the members of the Academic Technology Subcommittee for their hard work and dedication. The subcommittee is commended for providing an informative annual report. Following discussion, it was moved by R. Floyd, seconded by B. Carroll, and voted unanimously to approve the 2002/03 Annual Report from the Academic Technology Subcommittee.
- D. 2002/03 Annual Report: Assessment of Student Learning Subcommittee.** C. Watkins expressed thanks to the members of the Assessment of Student Learning Subcommittee for their work. Following discussion, approval of the 2002/03 Annual Report from the Assessment of Student Learning Subcommittee is deferred pending clarification of the annual report.

- E. **2002/03 Annual Report: General Education Subcommittee.** C. Watkins expressed thanks to the members of the General Education Subcommittee for their hard work and dedication. The subcommittee is commended for providing an informative annual report. Following discussion, it was moved by R. Floyd, seconded by P. Luo, and voted unanimously to approve the 2002/03 Annual Report from the General Education Subcommittee.
  - F. **2002/03 Annual Report: Off-Campus/Distance Learning Subcommittee.** Deferred.
  - G. **2002/03 Annual Report: University Writing Committee.** Deferred.
  - H. **Assessment Report: Summit Program Pilot.** Deferred.
- VII. **Subcommittee/Committee Reports.** Minutes were received from the Academic Technology Subcommittee (4/01/03), the Assessment of Student Learning Subcommittee (3/19/03), the General Education Subcommittee (4/03/03), and the University Writing Committee (4/08/03).
- VIII. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Randi Esau  
Recording Secretary

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