

California State University, Stanislaus  
University Educational Policies Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
**September 25, 2014**

Present: R. Esau (recording), L. Bettencourt, L. French, M. Grobner, M. Jaasma, V. Leyva, M. Salameh, K. Stone, A. Strahm, R. Werling, S. Zong (proxy for J. Sankey)

Excused: L. Bernardo, B. Carroll, J. Sankey

Guests: S. Marshall, M. Thompson (proxy for B. Carroll)

- I. **Call to Order.** A. Strahm called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.
- II. **Approval of Agenda.** The agenda was approved as distributed.
- III. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of September 11, 2014, were approved as distributed.
- IV. **Announcements/Reports.** M. Jaasma reported the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Special Visit Team will be on campus next week and encouraged individuals to attend the specific meetings they may have been invited to attend at the request of the visiting team members. The confidential email address originally set up by WASC to receive communications from the campus community has failed. A new, working, confidential email address will be shared with the campus community. A. Strahm announced the Minimum GPAs for Minors Policy and Resolution are being returned to the UEPC for further discussion. This will be added to the agenda as item VI. Old Business G. Minimum GPAs for Minors.
- V. **Subcommittee/Committee Reports.**
  - A. **Assessment of Student Learning Subcommittee Minutes (4/28/14).** Minutes were received and approved from the Assessment of Student Learning Subcommittee (4/28/14).
  - B. **General Education Subcommittee Minutes (4/8/14).**
  - C. **Technology and Learning Subcommittee Minutes (4/7/14).**
  - D. **University Writing Committee Minutes (5/9/14).**
- VI. **Old Business**
  - A. **Policy for Change of Major, Adding a Second Major, Adding an Additional Minor.** The UEPC reviewed a draft policy and resolution. Several revisions were suggested, including a revision to the title of the policy, changing it to the "Academic Change Policy for 90 Units and Beyond." Following discussion, it was moved by M. Jaasma, seconded by R. Werling, and voted unanimously to approve the policy and resolution and forward it to the Senate Executive Committee for Academic Senate consideration. L. Bernardo is going to work with J. Tillman from Institutional Research and H. Stanislaw, the Coordinator for the Assessment of Graduate Education, to collect data regarding the number of students who change their major, add a second major, or add an additional minor after completing 90 units.
  - B. **Revised Calendar for College Year 2016-2017.** Deferred.

- C. **Draft Calendar for College Year 2017-2018.** Deferred – see item VII. A. above.
- D. **Draft Calendar for College Year 2018-2019.** Deferred – see item VII. A. above.
- E. **Consultation Between Programs on Co-developing Language.** A. Strahm spoke with L. Johnson, Chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC). The FAC feels this item is a curriculum issue, making the UEPC the appropriate body to address the concern. This item is deferred until the next scheduled UEPC meeting.
- F. **Academic Program Review: Cognitive Studies (BA).** The Academic Program Review Self-Study for the Cognitive Studies (BA) program recommended suspension of the program. The college curriculum committee and the Dean recommended suspension of the major but retention of the minor. In response, M. Jaasma sent a memorandum to J. Strong, requesting a special review of the program, in accordance with the current Policy for the Suspension and Discontinuance of Academic Programs. The UEPC will review the report once it has been completed. Until such time, this item is deferred.
- G. **Minimum GPAs for Minors.** A policy and resolution for Minimum GPAs for Minors was reviewed as a first reading at the Academic Senate. Much discussion ensued concerning the minimum GPA of 1.7 for achieving a minor. There was also confusion over the term “minor” when speaking about an academic program. The Senate will be conducting a poll from the departments that offer academic minors to see if the minimum GPA required should be 1.7 or 2.0. Many arguments were made in support of a 2.0 minimum GPA for an academic minor during the Senate discussion. The UEPC members agree that consistency between requirements for the major and the minor is important. Following discussion, revisions were made to the policy and the resolution, changing the minimum GPA requirement to 2.0 and including adding the term “academic” to the title (Minimum GPAs for Academic Minors). A revised policy and resolution for Minimum GPAs for Academic Minors will be forwarded to the Senate Executive Committee prior to the second reading at Academic Senate.

**VII. New Business.**

- A. **Draft Mission Statement for General Education.** S. Marshall, Chair of the General Education *Ad Hoc* Committee, joined the UEPC to present the draft Mission Statement for General Education. The General Education *Ad Hoc* Committee has been meeting with departments to gather comments regarding general education. The consensus has been that the current General Education Mission Statement is not inspirational enough and that it is written to administrators. Following careful deliberations, the draft General Education Mission Statement has been written with students as the primary audience and has a broader emphasis. The general education goals will be revised to be in compliance with Executive Order 1065. Revision of the General Education Mission Statement is the first step. The UEPC members are in agreement with the draft Mission Statement for General Education and will offer its support for approval. The UEPC recognizes the sensitive nature of the changes to the CSU Stanislaus General Education goals, and applauds the General Education *Ad Hoc* Committee and the General Education Subcommittee of the UEPC for its work on developing the mission statement as part of the process of revising the goals.
- B. **University-wide Assessment Advisory Council.** Deferred.

**C. Academic Calendar Survey for Spring Break.** The Academic Calendar Survey for Spring Break has gone out to all faculty, staff, and students – over 10,000 email addresses. The survey will close in two weeks. Raw data will be available to review at the next scheduled UEPC meeting.

**D. Fall 2016 Registration Policy.** Deferred.

**E. Review of the Two-Pass Registration System.** Deferred.

**VIII. Other (information only).**

**IX. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Randi Esau, Recording Secretary

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