

University Educational Policies Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2019

Present: R. Werling, C. Davis, M. Cuan, T. Held, S. Wood, O. Panagopoulos, G. Wellman, S. Filling, K. Olivant

Guests: L. Bernardo, M. Perez, J. Teoh, S. Wooley, G. Aulak (recording)

Excused: K. Liu, N. Stessman, M. Nungaray

- I. **Call to Order.** R. Werling called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.
- II. **Approval of Agenda.** The agenda of August 22, 2019 was approved as distributed.
- III. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of April 25, 2019 were approved electronically.
- IV. **Announcements/Reports:** Stuart Wooley discussed the GE recertification process and will go more in detail in the next meeting if needed. Jase Teoh from the Provost's Office is the Director of Academic Technology.
- V. **Subcommittee/Committee Reports**
 - A. **Assessment of Student Learning Subcommittee.** The report was reviewed as distributed. The minutes of February 25, 2019 were reviewed and approved as distributed.
 - B. **General Education Subcommittee.** The report was reviewed as distributed. The minutes of March 8, 2019 and April 5, 2019 were reviewed and approved as distributed.
 - C. **Multicultural Requirement Subcommittee.** New committee.
 - D. **University Writing Subcommittee.** The report was reviewed and approved as distributed.
 - E. **UEPC Year End Report for 2018-2019.** The report was reviewed and approved as distributed.
- VI. **Old Business**
 - A. **11/AS/19/UEPC Revision to the Undergraduate Advising Policy/ASI Advising Resolution.** There has been discussion of hiring four advisors (SSPs), one in each of the Colleges. These might be graduation retention specialists. The faculty discuss the major with the student since they have more knowledge about it. PAC has discussed revising the undergraduate advising policy. The policy will be sent to Dr. Keith Nainby for feedback.
 - B. **Priority Registration for Student Athletes.** Student athletes have been trying for a very long time to receive priority registration. The university has only been offering priority registration for state mandates. There are multiple groups that could receive priority for various reasons, which is why we only do the bare minimum. We need to balance to stay equitable. Student athletes have discussed this with many campus constituencies, but they have not fully demonstrated the need for priority registration. CSU Stanislaus is the only CSU that does not offer it to athletes. The data presented by ASI and

the student athletes has been reviewed and they were provided feedback. The data presented does not represent the student population. Also, there is no logical consistency with their findings and statements. Some of the coaches attended the meetings last year to advocate for this. However, is this a recruitment tool for them or is it a solution to an actual problem? UEPC recommended that it should initiate and conduct a survey of its own. Werling and Filling will discuss this with the coaches in the athletic department.

- C. **Core Competency FLC Policy/Procedure.** Deferred.
- D. **Information Literacy.** Mark Thompson discussed the importance of information literacy. Thompson is the lead of the Faculty Learning Community on Information Literacy. Information literacy is one of the six core competencies mandated by WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC). A survey administered several years ago asked students, staff, faculty, and administrators what the definition of information literacy is. In spring 2019, workshops for faculty development were conducted and a report was completed by Fall 2019. The report was sent to the President as well. Thompson distributed the data and results of the survey to UEPC members. There is a shift of what information literacy means and the idea of approaching it. Librarians and faculty need to work on this together. Information literacy has not been given as much importance as the golden four. We need a conversation about the recommendation that came from faculty learning community (FLCs). Information literacy needs to be emphasized in lower division courses. The FLCs have recourse to governance to implement curriculum changes.
- E. **Disqualification and Academic Probation Policies.** Faculty Affairs Committee referred this to UEPC. A nursing student received F in one of their courses and was dropped from the program. The department did not complete the process to disqualify the student. The process is tied to an executive order and there is a notification process. Bernardo will review the EO and provide for the next meeting.
- F. **Academic Dishonesty Policy.** Some program policies are not consistent with the university's policy. The problem is not clear. Either the faculty might not know about the university's policy on dishonesty, the policy might not have been followed, or the policy is not clear. We need to review the university's policy on academic dishonesty. Bernardo will review the executive order and compare it to the university policy.
- G. **Grade Appeal Policy.** We need to audit the grade appeal process. Werling will discuss with Dr. Christine Erickson, the VP for Student Affairs.
- H. **Credit/No Credit Grade Policy.** We have unofficial rules and no policy on this. The census date is last day to request credit/no credit and faculty can approve or disapprove. We need more clarity about when it can be assigned.
- I. **Academic Calendar Policy (Warrior Day and Spring Break).** It has not been clear when we should stop classes on Warrior Day or when Spring Break should occur.
- J. **Notifications Regarding Mandatory Course Materials (Connect, First Day, etc.).** Deferred.

- K. **3000/4000-Level Course Cross-lists.** Deferred.
- VII. **New Business**
 - A. **Academic Calendar for 2022-2023.** Draft needs to be revised.
 - B. **Election of the UEPC Representative to RSCAPC.** Steven Wood volunteered and was approved unanimously by the UEPC to represent the committee.
 - C. **Election of the UEPC Representative to Ad Hoc APDC.** Gerard Wellman volunteered and was approved unanimously by the UEPC to represent the committee.
 - D. **Election of the UEPC Representative to Ad Hoc CTRCM.** Cathlin Davis volunteered and was approved unanimously by the UEPC to represent the committee.
- VIII. **Other (information only).** All UEPC meetings for 2019-2020 are scheduled in MSR 362.
- IX. **Anticipated Agenda Items for 2019/2020**
 - A. **General Education Batch Recertification.** Deferred.
 - B. **EO 1100 and EO 1110 Policy Issues.** Deferred.
 - C. **Enrollment Services Forms.** Deferred.
 - D. **Child Development Center Five Year Review.** Deferred.
- X. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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