California State University, Stanislaus
University Educational Policies Committee
Meeting Minutes **February 25, 2021**
**VIRTUAL via Zoom**

**PRESENT:** C. Davis (chair), A. Strahm (chair elect), J. Nieto, T. Held, S. Wood, O. Panagopoulos, N. Stessman, B. Carroll, K. Nainby, S. Wooley, Z. Martinez

**GUESTS:** G. Aulak (recording), L. Bernardo

I. **Call to Order.** Davis called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
II. **Approval of Agenda.** The agenda of February 25, 2021 was approved as distributed.
III. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of February 4, 2021 and February 11, 2021 were both approved as distributed.

IV. **Subcommittee Minutes/Reports**
   i. **University Writing Committee - GWAR Proposal.** UEPC discussed the GWAR proposal from University Writing Committee (UWC). There is a $25 fee associated with review of portfolios since it is self-supporting. However, most students are first generation students and $25 is a significant amount. The grading rubric is still to be decided and this presents a problem. Portfolio reviewers may feel overwhelmed if there are too few readers. There is potentially a discriminatory element to timed writing evaluation. Fast writing does not always mean better writing. The process before taking a writing proficiency (WP) course should not be for evaluation but instead be informative. A suggestion is to provide students with options of either a timed exam or portfolio. Another suggestion is students complete the Golden Four before taking a WP course.
   ii. What are the advantages of timed exams? Will transfer students have saved files to include in the portfolio? What if students did not take enough writing courses? Will the portfolio reflect current writing skills?
   iii. Members requested a representative from UWC to join the next meeting to present this proposal and answer questions.
   iv. Associated Students Inc. (ASI) put forward a formal recommendation to President Junn, Academic Senate, Provost Greer, and Senate Executive Committee (SEC) to eliminate an exam prior to taking WP courses. There are multiple redundant aspects. The cost can be a burden to students. There are cases where students have passed a WP course without taking or passing WPST. These students petition to waive the WPST.

V. **Announcements/Reports**
   A. Committee on Committees (CoC) has appointed Bret Carroll for the rest of the semester in replacement of Gerard Wellman.
   B. The Ad-hoc committee for Ethnic Studies implementation will meet on Monday, March 1, 2021.

**C.** The Academic Technology and Learning Committee (ATLC) is comparing strengths and weaknesses of the temporary policy for cameras required during class.

**D.** UEPC will need to revise the credit hour policy according to the revised federal definition of credit hour.

**VI. New Business**

**A. Consultation Principles.** Deferred.

**VII. Old Business**

**A. 60 units/ UD GE Potential Clarification of Policy/Catalog Language.** Davis shared revised catalog language and UEPC members provided feedback. Prerequisites to registering for an upper division GE course should be completing 45 units and in process of completing the golden four. This will allow a second semester sophomore to take upper division GE course for credit without petition process. The faculty may drop a student with fewer than 45 units from the class, and an automated communication will be sent to the student that they were dropped since they did not meet the prerequisite. Speaker Nainby will craft a rationale and share with members. UEPC will then send it forward to Academic Senate for first reading on March 9, 2021.

**B. General Education Remap/Ethnic Studies Requirement.** The Ad Hoc Committee on Implementation of the Ethnic Studies Requirement will provide catalog language. General Education Subcommittee is discussing this as well. Members agree that a political science representative should be present in these discussions. Davis suggested maintaining the requirements in Area D while adding Area F. Wooley shared with UEPC that the total number of GE units required shall not be fewer or greater than 48 semester units in the Areas and Subareas (with the exception of adding the 1-unit lab standalone lab course for a total of 49 units).

**C. Combining Calendar Policies into Single Document.** Deferred.

**D. 11/AS/19/UEPC Revision to the Undergraduate Advising Policy/ASI Advising Resolution.** Deferred.

**E. Preferred Name Policy.** Deferred.

**VIII. Tabled Business**

**A. Core Competency FLC Policy/Procedure.** Deferred.

**B. Grade Appeal Policy.** Deferred.

**C. Notifications Regarding Mandatory Course Materials (Connect, First Day, etc.).** Deferred.

**D. Community College Articulation Question.** Deferred.

**E. Academic Dishonesty Policy.** Deferred.

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

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