California State University, Stanislaus
University Educational Policies Committee
Meeting Minutes **May 6, 2021**
VIRTUAL via Zoom

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

GUESTS: G. Aulak (recording), L. Bernardo, M. Perez, M. Hight, B. Morsony

I. **Call to Order.** Davis called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
II. **Approval of Agenda.** The agenda of May 6, 2021 was approved as distributed.
III. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of April 22, 2021 were approved as distributed.

IV. **Announcements/Reports**

A. UEPC will address the issue of some programs using general education courses only for their programs.

B. The Ad Hoc Committee on Multicultural Requirement has started meeting again to revisit their proposal.

C. UEPC will connect with departments and compile data on how General Education is implemented in their program. UEPC will also plan communication strategies to share information with students.

D. UEPC will review and revise the *APPROVAL FOR CURRICULAR ACTIONS* document next academic year: *https://www.csustan.edu/sites/default/files/groups/Office%20of%20Academic%20Programs/approvalcurraction.pdf*.

V. **Subcommittee Minutes/Reports**

A. University Writing Committee - GWAR Proposal. Deferred.
B. University Writing Committee- Decertifying Courses. Deferred.

VI. **New Business**

A. Meeting Schedule for 2021-2022. The meeting schedule for 2021-2022 was finalized:

i. September 2, 2021
ii. September 16, 2021
iii. September 30, 2021
iv. October 14, 2021
v. October 28, 2021
vi. November 4, 2021
vii. December 2, 2021
viii. January 27, 2022
ix. February 10, 2022

x. February 24, 2022
xi. March 10, 2022
xii. March 24, 2022
xiii. April 7, 2022
xiv. April 28, 2022
xv. May 12, 2021

B. 2020-2021 Year-End Report. UEPC worked on the 2020-2021 year-end report to share with Academic Senate.

VII. Old Business

A. Ethnic Studies and Social Justice Concentration- Liberal Studies. UEPC reviewed the proposal in Curriculog and unanimously approved to move it forward to Academic Senate.

B. Fall 2021 Calendar. There were no changes to the calendar. UEPC will send out a statement to campus community outlining the important dates.

C. 'Academic Notice' vs 'Academic Probation'. Deferred.

D. Consultation Principles. UEPC subcommittees are requesting a defined policy or procedure for curriculum consultation. What needs to be consulted? Other departments? Textbooks? Does other department need to approve the proposal? Or is it for notification purposes only? Who decides consultation is required? Do we need to publicly announce a new course or course revision? A weekly memo with a list of all proposals announced? A possible flow-chart to guide the decision-making process? The college curriculum committees should be consulting in the process. UEPC will discuss this further next academic year.

E. In-Person Courses for Fall 2021. For an in-person course, what is the protocol if a student requests accommodation? Attendance for an in-person course is if student is in the classroom, unless the campus is closed. Attendance needs to be clear in course syllabi. Departments and advisers should work closely with students on course options. Having an in-person course and providing accommodation can be difficult. It is a workload issue. It is not fair to faculty or students. Provost Greer mentioned that if it is a required major course then accommodation must be provided. If it is an elective course, then accommodation is not required. Davis and Speaker Nainby will send out a statement to campus community.

F. Bookstore Issues. Davis suggested a policy or statement on how University library sends out reminders and communication for faculty. UEPC will discuss this further next academic year.

G. **General Education Remap/Ethnic Studies Requirement.** The UEPC resolution on the Ethnic Studies included a series of five clauses establishing a 3–unit Ethnic Studies requirement in a newly created lower division GE area, Area F, for all students. These clauses also included information about learning outcomes, noted that ETHS prefix courses only would meet the requirement. It included two additional clauses. These sixth and seventh clauses specified that UEPC does not recommend reducing Area D's lower division component from 9 units down to 6 units. When the UEPC resolution was initially offered in Senate, a second resolution was moved and seconded from the floor by sitting Senators who also sit on the Ad Hoc Committee charged with recommending implementation procedures for the ETHS requirement. This resolution contained some similar elements to the first five clauses of the UEPC resolution but differed from the last two clauses. A motion from the floor recommended that we split the resolution into two resolutions: the first five clauses, centering on the ETHS requirement, would become one resolution if this split were affirmed, and the sixth and seventh clauses, centering on a refusal to modify Area D, would become a second and distinct resolution. The split was affirmed, and both resolutions then subsequently passed as separate resolutions. The resolution originally offered by the members of the Ad Hoc Committee was withdrawn. The resolution was then split into two resolutions. Both resolutions are with President Junn.

H. **Combining Calendar Policies into Single Document.** Consent item at general faculty meeting or first academic senate meeting in fall. UEPC will send to first academic senate meeting. Davis will share via email and send forward.

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

J. **Preferred Name Policy.** Academic Senate had concerns about the presented policy. Bernardo informed UEPC that Enrollment Services Office is working on the process and will have something to share next semester. UEPC supports turning the module on in summer 2021 so roster names will be consistent for fall 2021.

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 4:03 p.m.

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