

California State University, Stanislaus  
University Educational Policies Committee  
Meeting Minutes **September 16, 2021**  
VIRTUAL via Zoom

**PRESENT:** A. Strahm (chair), M. Chvasta (chair elect), J. Nieto, T. Held, S. Wood, K. Liu, O. Panagopoulos, G. Cook, M. Moberly, M. Hight, S. Wooley, D. Suarez

**GUESTS:** G. Aulak (recording), L. Bernardo, M. Perez, M. Perea- Ryan

- I. **Call to Order.** Strahm called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.
- II. **Approval of Agenda.** The agenda of September 16, 2021 was approved as distributed.
- III. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of September 2, 2021 were approved as distributed.
- IV. **Announcements/Reports.**
  - A. The Ad Hoc Committee on the Multicultural Requirement co-chairs Mechelle Perea-Ryan and Dana Nakano met with Ann Strahm. The focus of the ad hoc committee was discussed. What is the definition of the Multicultural Requirement? A clear definition is needed. Focus of the requirement should be on a global level. Some courses might lose multicultural status. An extended timeline might be provided for departments to develop or reformulate their courses to fit the new multicultural definition. Ad hoc committee will request President's Commission on Diversity and Inclusion (PCDI) to advocate support from university administration for stipends and training in course modifications. Also, ad hoc committee will request one student representative to be an at large representative.
  - B. Strahm informed members about a faculty member's concern on the temporary grade modification policy. UEPC should consider accelerated courses when discussing grade changes. Specific dates should be avoided in the policy verbiage.
- V. **New Business**
  - A. **Grade Option Change Policy.** There is only one designated week for finals in the university calendar. Accelerated courses have their own schedule for finals. The c/nc policy was created before the pandemic. Students choose c/nc *14 days before the first day of finals*. Should a grade option change policy be created? Should the option to choose c/nc be closer to finals? It is important to connect with advisors to make sure they are informing students. The c/nc option is available to all stateside and extended education undergraduate students. UEPC members agreed to shortening the 14 days' time in the c/nc policy to *24 hours before finals*. This is more inclusive for accelerated courses. Bernardo and Strahm will create a draft policy document for discussion in next UEPC meeting.
- VI. **Old Business**

- A. **Update to Temporary Modification to University Grading Policies as a Result of the COVID-19 Pandemic 30/AS/20/UEPC.** Strahm shared the updated policy with an additional resolved clause. UEPC agreed to continue moving it forward.
- B. **Preferred Name Policy.** Strahm contacted Julie Johnson, AVP for Human Resources, for some of the concerns and is waiting for a response. Strahm also consulted with Kristina Strottman. UEPC discussed the language concerns. Students can change first, middle, or last name. Best practice is not to allow students to change their last name. There should be a note in the rationale that gives students some knowledge of how a name change may affect re-enrollment or financial aid, or anything such as that. Bernardo has included some clarification in the FAQ's regarding financial aid, transcripts, etc. What's the process in a case of harassment? Strahm will include a footnote in the policy.
- C. **Consultation Principles.** Deferred.
- D. **Combining Calendar Policies into Single Document.** Strahm will reach out to Cathlin Davis for an update on this.

**VII. Tabled Business**

- A. **Academic Notice' vs 'Academic Probation'.** Deferred.
- B. **11/AS/19/UEPC Revision to the Undergraduate Advising Policy/ASI Advising Resolution.** Deferred.
- C. **Core Competency FLC Policy/Procedure.** Deferred.
- D. **Grade Appeal Policy.** Deferred.
- E. **Notifications Regarding Mandatory Course Materials (Connect, First Day, etc.** Deferred.
- F. **Community College Articulation Question.** Deferred.
- G. **Academic Dishonesty Policy.** Deferred.

**VIII. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

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