

EPC Minutes - May 5, 2011

Present: Elaine Newman (Chair), Thaine Stearns, Sharon Cabaniss, Mary Dingle, Lynne Morrow, Armand Gilinsky, Laura Watt, Amy Kittelstrom, Joe Marquez, Lillian Lee, Alex Boyar, Terry Lease, Chingling Wo

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m.

Agenda and Minutes approved.

Business Item #5 – Resolution on the American Institutions Requirement – First Reading

Due to the time sensitive status of EPC's resolution in response to the Chancellor's Office proposal to revise Title V to include a waiver of the American Institutions requirement, Chair Newman requested the discussion begin and continue as time-certain agenda items allow. It is on the Academic Senate agenda for today as well.

Earlier that morning the Academic Planning Committee unanimously supported the spirit of the resolution with a suggestion for some "word-smithing" to clarify the second resolved clause.

EPC will "draw a line in the sand". History and government provide essential context for all the disciplines and is the foundation for an informed and engaged citizenry.

Motion to waive the first reading passed unanimously.

Discussion centered on the second resolved clause.

The second resolved clause shall read:

"RESOLVED, That the CSU should not recognize transfer AA degrees that fail to satisfy the American Institutions requirement within the constraints of SB1440 degrees--as being too dissimilar to our own degrees; be it further"

One added resolved clause shall read:

"Resolved, That SSU will not waive the American Institutions requirement for any baccalaureate degrees; be it further"

Resolution passed unanimously.

Business Item #1 - Wine Business Certificate Program Proposal - Second Reading – Terry Lease, presenter

Background: Participants will take courses online through Extended Education. Courses will be open to anyone with an interest. Those who wish to may take exams for which

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they earn entry-level, intermediate, and advanced certifications. Certifications can be substituted for the work experience requirement in the Wine Business MBA.

It will also give faculty the opportunity to test, practice, assess, and gain experience in providing curriculum in an online environment and accessed by a broad population of students: local, in-state, out-of-state, and international.

Wine Business Certificate Program proposal approved unanimously.

Business Item #2 - CCJS Program Revisions – First reading – Pat Jackson and Barbara Bloom, presenters

Proposal adds one more 4-unit course to the core requirements and reduces the number of electives by one course. Students may select one of the following four: CCJS 407, CCJS 430, CCJS 470, CCJS 480. Each delves more deeply into specific topics introduced in other courses.

It also makes advising easier, works better in the PS degree audit, provides clearer guidelines, and gives students further course experience in their chosen emphasis.

Motion to waive the first reading approved unanimously.

CCJS was commended for their thorough and thoughtful proposal.

Proposed revision to the CCJS program approved unanimously.

Business Item #3 – Psychology Revision to the MA - Second Reading – Laurel McCabe, presenter

L. McCabe presented additional information showing how the program guides students toward the proposed course changes which includes writing an article suitable for publication in one of several professional journals.

Members expressed concerns that a publishable article (culminating paper) does not necessarily demonstrate mastery in the field. Not just about concepts and competency in skills, but mastery of the literature and who is currently doing what in the field. What if their article is not published? The program does not require it be published.

Members were assured that each student goes through the same process as a thesis. They must get a committee, have two readers, and provide a defense. If the student does not meet the standards, they do not graduate.

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It was also noted that not all graduate programs at SSU require a thesis. And while the Depth Psychology program is the only one of its kind in the CSU, it should not be held to a different standard.

It was also noted that Faculty are compensated (paid or in release time) for reviewing the culminating paper as for thesis. No negative impact on resources is anticipated.

Proposed revision to the Psychology MA was approved unanimously.

Business Item #4 – Counseling MA Revisions – First Reading – Adam Hill and Mala Madathil, presenters

Proposal includes curricular and several individual course changes in proactive response to new state licensures and changes in accreditation requirements (CACREP) that must be met by Summer, 2014. There are a series of steps throughout these processes, and the program is starting now. It has already begun transitioning their students with aggressive advising and providing each with a detailed curriculum plan.

In response to needs within the state, California is adding a new license for therapists (as opposed to counselors).

The first cohort to fully be under the new curriculum plan will be admitted Fall 2012.

Motion to waive the first reading approved unanimously.

The school curriculum committee voiced no concern regarding the additional funding required to mount changes and was approved unanimously there.

EPC commended the program for a presentation that is very clear and cited the level of work as impressive. And that they started early to give ample implementation time.

The proposed revisions to the Counseling MA program were approved unanimously.

Other Business Arising

Item #1 – Senate Diversity Sub-committee Liaison to EPC – Sharon Cabaniss, presenter

The Senate Diversity Sub Committee requests a formal liaison to EPC. The SDS feels it is beneficial to have the broadest possible perspective to carry out their charge and is sending liaisons to other committees on campus. SDS also wants to be informed and to participate in the discussions.

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EPC unanimously welcomes a liaison from the Senate Diversity Sub-committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lillian Lee.