

EPC
10/29/09

Present: CW, TS, Terry Lease for AM, MM, KG, SC, SCU (recorder), LM, RC, MC, LL, JT

Called to Order.

Agenda approved.

Minutes approved with the following corrections:

Add LL and SCU were present at the 10/15/09 meeting.

Reports:

No reports were given due to Melinda Milligan being out sick.

Master Course Change Form Submissions:

-BUS 516: request approved
-CES 156: CW will send back to department to make footnote change
-ES: request for new permanent addition of course elective was approved
-SOC 488, 493, 496: CW suggests this department come to EPC with these course change requests as a business item due to volume
-CCJS: CW suggests sending back to the department because form is not sufficiently filled out. This department requests to change the credit/no credit grading option. Decision made to approve request for course change.
Discussion of incomplete form submissions.

Chemistry Program Review:

TS and SCu submitted memo with concerns about the completion of the Chemistry Program Review. The memo suggests that the department submit a self study in accordance with EPC's program review policy in order to complete this program review cycle, and in the future conduct an external review of their program following the completion of a self-study.

TS discussed that an external review was done in this case but it was not done to examine the entire department as a whole department, just the accreditation area.

SCu explained what was missing and why we split the difference between the self study and the external reviewer for this submission.

LM disagrees that we should have them split the difference and that Chemistry needs to do the self study and re-invite an external reviewer to evaluate the program

Motion to extend by 3 minutes (TS, SC second). Vote: All approve

Motion to wave the first reading (TS, SC second). Vote: All approve

SC mentioned that money departments receive for this process needs to be used for just the program review.

Motion to amend letter to Chemistry to state that EPC requests an external reviewer return to review the entire the department after they complete their self study. (LM, MC second)

TS expressed reservation about the motion and intent to vote against it as the self study is the more important document.

JT stated that this will set a precedent for EPC

Vote: All in favor, except TS not in favor

CW will invite chair of Chemistry to respond

JT mentioned that this action speaks to the suggestions WASC made

Double Major Resolution

Discussion of the drafted resolution about super seniors

TS mentioned that though we need to be responsive the economic situation, our primary concern is the curriculum that helps and benefits students, and often double majors are some of our best students.

CW agreed with suggestion that the EPC draft policy statement, a policy will help with student advising.

CW asked how do we process resolutions if we are going to approve this?

Motion to wave 1st reading and start second reading (LM, TL second). Vote: All approved

Motion to approve as written and move to the Executive Committee (KG, MC second). Vote: All approve

Discussion: Suggestion that committee members inform our Senate representatives that this is being moved to Senate

TESOL (KG, plus guests Hee-Wan Kang and Paula Lane)

KG provided an overview of the TESOL proposal for a new masters concentration: It has already been through school curriculum committee. They would like to add several new courses for which there has been an unmet need for. There are already 107 on waitlist if program is approved.

Currently, 13 other CSU TESOL programs – Local program is needed and we have been remiss for not having it. There are no resource issues for this program as existing resources would be shifted.

Discussion ensued.

Motion to wave first reading (TS, LL second). Vote: All approve

TS asked how this program aligns with other CSU programs.

KG responded that it aligns with the exception of SJSU, which is a 45 unit program. SSU would offer two 30 unit options, with an emphasis on pedagogy rather than linguistics.

Discussion ensued.

KG asked if she will need to add something about being resource neutral to the foreground.

TS said that foreground information can come from a letter from EPC.

Motion to approve (TS, LM second). Vote: All approved

Note: Committee is ahead of schedule, CW provides a report while we wait the next time certain.

Report: GE Subcommittee

GE has introduced new forms, which have leaked out without our approval. CW invited GE to EPC to discuss.

Geography Curriculum Changes: 2nd reading (Guest: Dorothy Friedel)

DF discussed responded to EPC feedback in the 1st reading:

- Sam Branin (Math) has no concern over department dropping GEOG 115,
- To address student learning outcomes and assessment, department added student learning and objectives to syllabi,
- Description of the concentration added that includes assessment statement.

Discussion ensued.

DF stated that the description of this concentration comes from the department website statement about the program and is in concert with existing description.

TS asked what the status of the GE course is?

DF answered that because of furloughs the course is only now coming to the GE subcommittee for its second reading this week. DF mentioned that she'd like to offer this course as an experimental course in the Spring. It would not effect the concentration.

Confusion: these are not the two courses we are talking about in our packet

Motion to approve the two new classes and the modifications to concentration (MC, SC second)

Discussion: TS stated that this motion does not cover what the actual request to approve a revision to program concentration "Globalization and Identity" nor does it approve the two new courses that support the concentration: Geog 345 and Geo 342.

Motion to withdraw the motion to approve the two classes and motion to approve the request to revise the program concentration and the two new courses that support this concentration. (MC, SC second). Vote: All approved

DF asked about spring schedule and adding experimental courses:

- Geog 203 change name to Geog 203 with description
- Geog 202 add to replace 302 which will become a different course
CW stated that GE courses need to be approved by GE subcommittee even if experimental.
DF mentioned that they want to have new names to reflect contemporary language and to have another class moved to lower division instead of upper.

CALS Curriculum Changes-2nd Reading (Guest: Elizabeth Martines)

EM discussed what modifications were made based on suggestions from the 1st reading.
CW asked if the old way and the new way were going to be added side by side to show the changes?

EM answered that the new catalog core is at the top on page 3 with the changes in bold type.
Discussion ensued.

TS asked since the new GE course will be electives is there any concern for enrollment in those course if they are no longer CORE?

EM answered that they are not concerned about that at this time
Discussion about double counting ensued.

Motion to extend by 5 minutes (TS, LL second). Vote: All approved.

CW stated that she does not feel this document is ready to move to the Senate and would like meet with EM to make additional changes so it can move forward.

TS recommended a statement about double counting for the future and to think through the electives in terms of concentrations, so students can develop a focus in degree planning.

EM stated that the University does not let you count more than 12 units, period. Their department advices students of that policy as they planning.

TS mentioned that his suggestion is that in the program needs to articulate issue of double counting.

Motion to approve but to work with CW to clarify language (TS, KG 2nd). Vote: All approved

Meeting adjourned.