

Educational Policies Committee
Sue Jameson Room
Minutes
9/16/04

Members Present: Coleman-Senghor, Halavais, Marker, McDonald (Chair),
Morrow, Robison, Sundberg, Vollmer, Warmoth, Works

Student Disability (vacant)

Guests: Melissa Vandever, Nursing
Lynn Close, Nursing

- 1) McDonald announced that Ben Pugno is our EPC student representative
 - 2) Approval of Agenda and Minutes
 - 3) McDonald reported that Provost Ochoa will report to EPC on WASC at our October 28 meeting
 - 4) McDonald reported on a Green Music Center Update.
 - 5) GE Sub Committee Report: Paul Draper -
 - a) The GE Subcommittee is currently focused on the WASC report. Over this past summer they met a total of six time. Their discussion centered on developing a viable model for the Freshman Year Experience for the campus faculty and student to review. There is complete information on the web at www.sonoma.edu/ge_initiative.
 - b) There will be a GE Faire for faculty and students to be held from Dec 6-10; its purpose is to establish a baseline of knowledge regarding what is possible regarding GE reform - specifically the Freshman Year Experience.
 - c) A GE Initiative Task Force has been formed to guide the reform. All efforts will proceed from the task force, to the GE Subcommittee and then to EPC for its approval. EPC's recommendation will then go to the Senate. Input is welcome and encouraged.
 - d) The tentative "Big Picture" on GE reform is that a freshman lecture series will be created that focuses on topics of current importance. A lecture series will be created with accompanying seminars of 15 students.
- Warmoth reported that the social sciences are currently examining the GE courses toward the end of making some revisions that GE reform.
- Coleman-Senghor suggested that the reform have a strong conceptual framework, a procedural timeline, its impact on existing majors and funding parameters.

6) Writing Center Resolution, Second Reading - Vollmer

Warmoth moved approval

Coleman Senghor second

ACTION: Approved 7-1

- The dissenting voter was asked to explain the negative vote. The dissenter agreed. The explanation stated that class sizes are a departmental matter and should remain so, and that this could "open the flood gates" by encouraging other departments to write similar resolutions, thus overwhelming EPC

7) Nursing Program Changes, Second reading - Vandever and Close

Warmoth moved approval

Coleman-Senghor second

Discussion: Suggestions:

- Minority access is crucial and should be included and recognized with a statement in the document. Vandever and Close agreed.
- Warmoth said the issue of self-support needs a clearer definition for all programs, not just nursing. General fund support of self support programs needs further discussion

ACTION: Approved (unanimous)

8) EPC Joint Task Force - Warmoth

Warmoth moved that an EPC Task Force be developed to report on the issue of class size and its impact on the curriculum. Friendly amendment from Coleman Senghor that the task force includes both EPC and APC (Academic Planning Committee). Warmoth agreed.

Coleman Senghor seconded.

ACTION: First reading of this proposal was waived.

ACTION: Second reading approved 5-1 with 1 abstention

Respectfully submitted,
your humble and obedient servant
PMM