

EPC Minutes FOR January 29, 2015

Chair Millgan Called the meeting to Order at 11:06

Approval of Agenda

Present: Melinda Milligan (chair) (MM), Tim Wandling (TimW), Patricia Kim-Rajal (PKR, left), Jack Ou (JO), Laura Watt (LW), Felicia Palsson (FP), Chiara Bacigalupa (CB), Alvin Nguyen (AN), Christian George (CG), Armand Galinsky (AG), Nathan Rank (NR) at 11:30. Elaine Sundberg (ES) at 11:50.

Add as Item #4. Discussion of Community College BA Proposal

Agenda approved with no objections.

Approval of Minutes (11/20/14) – after discussion of “semesterly” the minutes were approved without objection.

11:10. The Committee turned to New Business #2 Human Development BA Revision. Chair Milligan introduced Karin Jaffe who provided an overview of the changes to program (as outlined in packet and moodle documentation). Dr. Jaffe discussed key issues of pre-requisites as they applied to the program.

CG asked if these changes might cause delays in students adding the program. Jaffe said that would not affect her program nor should have much effect on students. CG followed up with a question about how enforcing pre-requisites might delay finishing in 4 years. Jaffe replied that the changes themselves should not affect time to degree, as the general impact of the program is the key factor.

Jaffe covered some of the program changes. Cosmetic name changes to Anthrophony and Gerontology courses, and removed course and removal of Sociology course. The removal of several Sociology courses might create a “bottleneck” for students, which they plan to handle by allowing a course to be double counted in GE. AG asked if there might be an imbalance for students, particularly in the Sociological perspectives area. Professor Jaffe admitted that the program has some difficulties and she is just doing her best to “triage” the issues while departments move to address impacted courses in certain areas, such as Sociology and Psychology and WGS. Jaffe assessing the program at present to see if it is viable, given the lack of tenure-track lines associated with it. TW expressed support for the interdisciplinary nature of the program. Jaffe replied that the lack of support from actual TT faculty was the issue and the program may not be viable as is. LW said this is also true for interdisciplinary programs such as ENSP.

AG moved to waive the first reading. LW seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

AG made one minor editing suggestion. Then moved to approve the changes. LW seconded.

NR asked if SCI120 could count in the program. Jaffe said any B2 course could count for that.

The committee approved the proposal unanimously (with the proviso of minor editing amendments).

11:30 Old Business item 1. PSY Minor Revision (Elisa Velasquez-Andrade visited the committee to discuss the program revisions.

Main change to the program is the elimination of the ability to double count Psych courses in this minor. Will allow minors to have more in-depth training in the discipline.

NR pointed out that “units” should be substituted for “courses” in the program document. CG asked if minors would still have access to U/D courses. Velasquez said they would. CB asked about the advising ratios. They are not anticipated to change. TW pointed out that the rationale for more in-depth knowledge for minors was a strong rationale, but it should lead to more impact for non-GE courses in the discipline. CG and MM both spoke to this issue as well. MM clarified that part of the program revision design as discussed at the school curriculum committee level was to weed out students who were only taking the minor since so many GE courses had previously been double counted. Dr. Velasquez agreed with this.

LW moved to approve the proposal. AG seconded.

CG asked for a hand vote.

The program was approved with nine voting in favor with 1 abstention.

11:48: Assignment of minute taking duties:

NR took 4/16

CB took 4/30

JO took 5/15

The committee did not ask for any more information on the certificate programs coming through for approval.

The committee did not wish to look at any of the consent items.

11:50. Discussion of Community College BA Proposal. Chair Milligan asked AVP Sundberg to introduce the topic. ES discussed the introduction of 4-year degrees at community colleges. Various members of the committee addressed the topic. General consensus that review of particular programs would be best accomplished at the department and school level. Some sentiment to have EPC look at the big picture questions of the character of a four-year BA or BS. Concerns about maintaining upper division rigor. The role of the CSU as the “middle” institution between the UC system and the CC system.

12:05. New Business item # 1. Electrical Engineering BS unit reduction proposal: 128 to 120 (M.-C. Su)

MM welcomed Chair Meng-Chih Su and Professor Farid Farahmand to discuss the proposal. Chair Su went over the main changes, including the elimination of courses to get program down to 120.

AG. Why is syllabus for 314 included in the packet? Farahmand said the syllabus for that course shows the math concepts that used to be covered in the dropped course are covered there.

NR moved to waive the first reading. LW seconded. Passed unanimously.

AG moved to approved. LW seconded. Passed unanimously.

Reports

1. Chair of EPC —M. Milligan
Discussed various work groups and provided updates on schedule 24.
Pointed to the on the horizon issue around the nature of school curriculum committees and also SEIE. Computer lab policy. Asked committee if there was any sense of the most important of these to address. Asked the committee to consider the “on the horizon” issues and proposal coming forward at future meetings.

12:30 New Business item #3. Business Concentrations Revisions.

Chair Milligan welcomed Karen Thompson to discuss the changes. Bus 334 no longer required for accounting students, although still a possibility. Rationale to provide faculty the opportunity to teach more accounting specific courses. Provide consistency for student experience in terms of computer accounting skills. PKR asked why keep the “or” in for Bus 334? Thompson replied that the faculty wanted to keep that as an option even though they lack the faculty to teach it now. Thompson discussed changes to various concentrations with respect to “special topic” courses. CG asked if it should say “three” not “two” courses in the marketing concentration. Thompson said yes, that was typo and it should say three. Management concentration changes were also to clean up AAR issues with respect to “special topic” courses. Wine program sees the elimination of BUS 340 Survey of Human Resource Management. Finance concentration: 471 was approved a while back and needed to be in the concentration.

LW moved to waive the first reading. TW seconded. Approved unanimously.

NR asked about internships. Thompson replied that the different course was made available to non-traditional students who already had jobs to recognize they have already or already meeting the experiential component.

TW moved to approve the program. LW seconded. Passed unanimously, with the proviso that change from “two” to “three” in marketing concentration.

Meeting adjourned 12:47 PM