

Educational Policies Committee
Minutes for October 13, 2005

Members present: Perry Marker (Chair), Sharon Cabanis, Lynne Morrow, Marci Sanchez), Thaine Stearns, Lindsey Simoncic (AS Rep/ Minute Taker), Rick Robinson, Art Warmoth (APC Liaison)

Proxies: Catherine Nelson (Proxy for Mary Halavais), Theresa Ciabattari (Proxy for Steve Bittner)

Members absent: Vincent Richman , Elaine Sundberg (Academic Affairs Liaison)

Agenda Approved: P.M. added item, Program Review document, changed to the first business item.

Minutes Approved:

Reports:

Chair of EPC-Discussed the Program Review Policy changes made by EPC. These changes in the Program Review Policy document were passed out to the Executive Committee discussed in the Academic Senate. There was discussion in the Senate, as the policy is fairly controversial, no agreement was made. However, many commented on resources and how they are provided and allocated. Chair Marker noted that "Resources for the assessment and program review will be provided by the Division of Academic Affairs" was substituted with language on page 2 of 9 of the Program Review Policy document. Senators felt that the language was not strong enough and that there wasn't specific language talking about resources. Basically, the assessment amount determines the quality of assessment done. This was just an idea and no recommendations were made. The Chair and Chair Elect take comments from Senator on Academic Senate, and made no recommendations. One comment about this was made on "Senate Talk" and the second reading of the document is scheduled for today at Academic Senate.

Associate Vice Provost, Academic Programs and Graduate Studies- Absent, no report was given.

Liaison to Academic Planning Committee- The role and purposed of APC was discussed. The Co-Chair is researching the ten major points in the strategic plan that was outlined. The committee members are volunteering to research issues.

Tentative Schedule of APC Discussion Strategic Planning Macro-Issues

10/20-Academic Quality and Diversity

11/3-Budget/Residenital Campus Life

11/17-Enrollment growth/management. Human Resources Issues, Technology

12/8-Community, Transparency, External Relations, GMC.

A question was asked why should there be liaisons to APC.

In response APC Liaison Art Warmoth stated issues: Voting rights may upset representation, yet redundancy may be a helpful part of the reasoning and decision making process. (AW)

Graduate Studies Subcommittee- No report was given by proxy.

General Education Subcommittee-Currently approving a general education course in sociology.

Questions asked:

How will communication between the Ge-Subcommittee and FYE work?

How will approval process work?

The planning process is being endorsed, not the curriculum. Chair of EPC has asked for reports from FYE Coordinator Sasha Von Meir as well as Paul Draper.

Teacher Education Council- Has not decided a meeting time.

Senate Budget Committee-Absent, no report was given.

University Standards Sub Committee- Absent, no report was given.

Business:

1. Program Review Policy- There is an obligation for this committee to suggest any questions procedurally? Discussion points included:
 - Academic Senate is rather happy with the statements about allocated resources (limitations generated from not having adequate resources).

Motion: by Stearns to add on page 1 of 8 of the Program Review Policy after the 4th *: "Successful Program Review depends on adequate resources to engage in that review."

Motion seconded by Morrow.

Motion Passed: unanimously. 10 yays, no nays, no abstentions.

-Will take to the take to the Academic Senate. Is there anything else to be discussed about this document?

-Motion that just passed addresses concern and a strong stance about the language stated before , especially when using the WASC letter to the President as context support.

2. Process of Program Review- -13 departments and or schools are up fro review happening in the spring and have been called to our attention.
 - This business item will be carried onto the next agenda.

3. Referrals from Executive Committee: GE Policy; Incomplete Grade Policy; Course Repetition Policy-
- As outlined by the Chancellor of the CSU's "22 Points in Facilitating Graduation" policy revisions are being made.
 - The GE policy revision would be most appropriately sent to the GE-Subcommittee, and then have their recommendations about policy revision given back to EPC.
 - The Course Repetition and Incomplete Grade Policy would be most appropriately sent to the University Standards Subcommittee.

Adjournment