

Educational Policies Committee

12/04/08

Present: C. Works, J. Wingard, B. Bryant, S. Cabaniss, L. Morrow, K. Ely, S. Cunningham, M. Clark, K. Grady

Liaisons: E. Sundberg, R. Coleman-Senghor

Guests: N. Rank, R. Senghas, H. Kallenback, R. Whitkus, B. Christie, B. Butler, C. Stearns, M. Milligan

1. Meeting was called to order.
2. Agenda approved.
3. Minutes approved.

No reports

BUSINESS ITEMS

1: Learning Objectives for GE Areas A, C, D and E

Nathan Rank, Chair-GE Subcommittee, presented the learning objectives for GE Areas A, C, D, and E. He stated that this completed the process of developing GE learning objectives which was part of the overall self-assessment of the GE program. He explained the process by which the learning objectives were developed. There was discussion about the adequacy of the process and the degree to which schools, departments and faculty were involved. The learning objectives were approved with none opposed and one abstention.

2: TESOL Certificate—Second Reading

Richard Senghas and Helen Kallenback presented the proposal for the TESOL Certificate Program and addressed questions raised during the first reading. The proposal was approved unanimously.

3: Biology Changes in Major—First Reading

Richard Whitkus presented a proposal to change the major requirements in the Biology BA/BS program. He explained the differences between the BA and BS degrees and the need to increase specificity in the concentrations. Through questions from the Committee, it was ascertained that the changes did not need approval from the Chancellor's office as they were changes to an existing program; impacted departments had been contacted and approval letters had been obtained; the number of units needed to complete the major was not increased; and potential impacts on faculty workload would be monitored.

4: Accessible Technology Initiative (ATI)

Brett Christie and Barbara Butler gave a report to the Committee about the interim policy on "Administrative Procedure for Timely Adoption of Textbooks for Students with Disabilities" and a brochure describing the initiative were distributed. The history of ATI and the need to develop the interim policy were discussed. Questions were raised by the Committee concerning the requirements of the policy and resources and suggestions were made to clarify the wording of the policy; information was provided

about linkages between efforts throughout the CSU including efforts to develop a list of resources to reduce redundancy between campuses; and suggestions were given on ways to put a positive spin on the ATI.

5: Program Review—Sociology

Cindy Stearns and Melinda Milligan presented the Program Review for the Department of Sociology and answered questions.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by J. Wingard

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