

Educational Policies Committee Minutes 09/30/2010

Members Present: T. Stearns, S. Cabaniss, M. Dingle, L. Morrow, A. Gilinsky, L. Watt, A. Kittelstrom, A. Boyar

Liaisons Present: E. Sundberg, A. Warmoth

1. The meeting was called to order by acting chair, T. Stearns.
2. The Agenda was approved with the addition of the Chair of the Senate under Business and the Early Start Program under Discussion.
3. The Sept. 16, 2010, minutes were approved with the correction add S. Cabaniss under Members Present.

REPORTS:

4. Chair of EPC: TS reported that the proposed GE 3-unit policy change proposal was controversial.
5. Director, Academic Programs and Graduate Studies: ES reported that her office had received additional guidance from the Chancellors Office regarding the Early Start Program. She also reported that the Chancellors Office had approved the proposal for the MA in Organizational Development which will be housed in the Hutchins School.
6. Liaison to Graduate Studies Subcommittee: SC reported on how GSS does Program Review and suggested EPC look at the Executive Summaries used. She also reported the Subcommittee had concerns about Extended Education.
7. Liaison to GE Subcommittee: TS reported that the Subcommittee approved the new A2 4-unit Philosophy and English 101. It will come to EPC as a consent item.

BUSINESS:

1. Revisions to minor in Global Studies—2nd reading: R. Laney stated there were no changes from the first reading

Motion to approve (AG). Second (AB). Passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

7. (continued) There was discussion of the GE unit policy.

BUSINESS:

2. Chair of the Senate: JW suggested that the 3-unit GE Policy be eliminated because more than 30% of GE offerings are currently more than 3 units. He stated that Executive Order 1033 (June 2008) only specifies a 48 unit minimum. He claimed there was no policy reason for the current 51 unit goal. He suggested EPC consult with deans, curriculum committees and departments about GE courses and the potential for “unit creep.”

There was considerable discussion of the potential ramifications of dropping the Policy. TS asked for advice for the EPC chair at today's Senate meeting which will have a second reading on the Revision to GE Unit Policy. He offered three alternatives: do

nothing and proceed to the second reading, withdraw the policy, or any other suggestions. RL stated that the GE Subcommittee wanted to maintain 50 units as a guiding principle and would like a policy reflecting this. AG suggested EPC support the policy with the most flexibility and change. TS pointed out that the current policy was the least flexible, and MD suggested that no policy was the most flexible. Several speakers pointed out that areas D and B needed to be revised in order to have no policy at all. AW suggested that the revised policy be considered as an interim policy while areas B, D and E get worked out. This approach was generally accepted with the intention of encouraging the schools with courses in areas B, D and E to consider reforms similar to those in A&H.

DISCUSSION:

1. Revision of program review procedures: postponed
2. Early Start Program: TS reported that the English and Mathematics departments had met to discuss implementation and a Nov. 19 deadline. Plans are sent for summer 2011 and departments need to plan for future summers. He and others are working on a resolution to bring to EPC along the lines of other CSU senate resolutions such as that from San Luis Obispo. ES explained students must start remediation in the summer but not necessarily complete it. It was not known how this program will be funded. SSU will have a draft proposal by Nov. 1 which she will share with EPC. It was reported that the Statewide English Council is opposed to the program and that SSU basketball coach, P. Fuscaldo, spoke against it at a meeting at the Chancellor's Office. Additionally the CFA opposes it as part of "deliverology." The resolution opposing the program will be shared with the Mathematics and English departments.

Meeting adjourned

Minutes submitted by S. Cabaniss.