

Educational Policies Committee

5/07/09

Present: T. Stearns, C. Works, J. Wingard, S. Cabaniss, P. Crowley, L. Morrow, T. Lease, S. Cunningham, D. Freidel, L. Lee

Liaisons: E. Sundberg, R. Coleman-Senghor

Guests: M. Merickel, J. Kornfeld, B. Ravikumar, M. Haider, J. Agrawal, E. Martinez, P. Kim-Rajal

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

No reports

BUSINESS ITEMS

1: Saturday University Proposal, 2nd Reading (MM)

Dean Mark Merickel requested that consideration of the Saturday University Proposal be reconsidered at a later time citing need for more better communication.

TL: meets needs of students and maintains integrity of curriculum; Motion to postpone indefinitely.

JW: seconds motion

SCa: suggests forming committee of interested persons to come up with plan, generate buy-in; need additional data and details.

TL: withdraws motion

DF: postpone until next fall;

Motion to table approved unanimously

2: EPC Report and Recommendations re: A New Academic Unit

CW chaired discussion;

TS and JK presented report; document distributed-A New Academic Unit: General Education and University Studies

TS: document reflects results of talks between W. Boda, N. Rank, J. Kornfeld. Take out non-curricular courses, restrict to courses with baccalaureate credit.

Document discusses issues considered and recommendations.

TS: Recommend creating administrative faculty position; implementation time-line flexible.

CW, SCa, LM, TL: questions concerning nature and responsibilities of administrative position.

TS: provided information on history and source of problem

ES: need to coordinate with others

JK: new academic unit would facilitate communication between different involved parties and forge new connections.

TS resumed Chair responsibilities

3: New Masters Concentration in Bioengineering, MS Computer Science Engineering, 1st

Reading (BR, MH, JA)

JA: Presented proposal. Rationale: growth in interest, formalize work already ongoing between faculty and students; as self-support program, support will not come from state-side; use of faculty from other departments will be reimbursed.

BR: New program will share existing resources; five new courses developed; existing community support (5-6 students will cover costs); adjunct faculty from industry; 3 new hires in department already have appropriate expertise.

CW: received clarification that approval of program would mean approval of 5 new courses

DF: received clarification that adequate faculty resources and outside support were available

JW: received clarification that no current faculty positions were dependent on approval of program

SCa: received clarification that new program would not detract from undergraduate program

PC: questioned absence of ethics course

JA: no separate ethics course, but ethics embedded in content of several courses

SCa: Motion to waive first reading

JW: seconded motion

No objections to waiving first reading

TL: received clarification that the need for prerequisites would not create hidden requirements

CW: suggested packet include letter of support from Biology Department

PC: Moved to approve

JW: seconded motion

CW: the questions raised in EPC had been addressed in Graduate Subcommittee

RCS: suggested adding letters of support from departments involved in program

JA: assured that letters would be included

Motion to approve passed unanimously

4: Proposal to Streamline Management Concentration in Dept. of Bus. Administration 1st reading

TL: Move to waive first reading

PC: seconded motion

No objections to waiving first reading

Discussion verified that proposal did not fall under discontinuation policy

JW: questions on benefits to student employability; would concentration appear on diploma

TL: would not appear on diploma, but would be handled through cover letters

SCa: links to accreditation

TL: No

SCa: Motion to Approve

LL: seconded motion

Motion to approve passed unanimously

5: CALS 432 New GE Course (PKR)

PKR presented proposal, no impact on other departments

SCa: Motion to waive first reading

DF: seconded motion

No objections to waiving first reading

DF: Motion to Approve

LL: seconded motion

Motion to approve passed unanimously

6: Discussion on Program Reviews

TS: WGS program review available; LIBS (ES stated she had just received it); GEOL (uncertain if available)

TS: need to speak more directly to language on diversity questions; member invited to submit comments on program review process and policies.

7: CALS Program Review (EM)

EM: distributed document addressing EPC's response to CALS program review; other document distributed-Survey of Latino Studies Departments and CALS Class Rotation Schedule

Committee discussion focused on faculty workload, need for additional faculty, unrealistic demands of community involvement combined with research.

Meeting adjourned at 12:57

Minutes submitted by J. Wingard