

Educational Policies Committee (EPC) Minutes

**Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 19, 2014**

Status of Minutes: Approved 12/3/14

*Attendees:*

MEMBERS PRESENT: L. Becker, L. Borchard, D. Conner, L. Henderson, L. McConville, Y. Mimura, V. Pedone, D. Schwartz, C. Spector, D. Wakefield

MEMBERS ABSENT: J. Oh

STAFF: E. Adams, J. Hunter

GUESTS PRESENT: J. Morin, D. Hosken, T. Abourezk, C. Jones, R. Ryan, G. Masequesmay, R. Chatterjee, T. Black, I. Pandey, C. Hayashi, J. Stallcup, B. Mendoza, R. Bartlow, M. Cahn, T. Scholten, P. Faiman

I. Announcements

D. Schwartz reported on the Linguistics MOU meeting. It was a good review with no contentious issues. There were more comments on the graduate program rather than the undergraduate program.

E. Adams announced that the Chancellor's Office is circulating a draft of Executive Order 1065, which requires a grade of "C" or better in the Golden Four (Writing, Speech, Critical Thinking, and Math) for all CSUs and California Community Colleges. Currently, all transfer students need a grade of "C" or better but CSUN students do not. Any change to General Education is effectively a policy change, which is governed by EPC. The change will affect the catalog and catalog rights.

L. Becker announced that the first reading of the Syllabus Policy will take place at Faculty Senate tomorrow. C. Jones asked if there was a requirement to include an ADA statement in syllabi. C. Spector shared that inclusion of a statement is considered a best practice and the language developed by the DRES office is not official/not affirmed.

II. Business

- A. The minutes from November 5, 2014 were **MSP approved** as amended.

B. College of Engineering and Computer Science

**Returning Proposals**

1. ME 435/L – Mechatronics and Lab (CM): **MSP approved.**
2. ECE 435/L – Mechatronics and Lab (CM): **MSP approved.**
3. ME 483 – Alternative Energy Engineering II (CM): **MSP approved.**

C. College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

1. ANTH 474 – Quantitative Methods in Anthropology (NC): **MSP approved** with changes. Change implementation semester to Fall 2015; add recommended preparatory course to item #1; check “own program” in item #10.
2. POLS 441LP – Latina/o Politics (NC): **MSP approved** (one abstention) with a proviso that the course number may change.
3. Political Science, B.A. (PM): **MSP approved** (one abstention) with corrections to the catalog copy.
4. Urban Studies Minor (PM): **MSP approved.**

D. College of Humanities

“Essential Knowledges for the Global Workplace” Proposal

It was **MSP** (one opposed and one abstention) to vote by ballot on each item in the Essential Knowledges package.

1. Liberal Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies option (PM): **Withdrawn.** The program modification cannot move forward at this time because three of the courses do not exist.
2. LRS 301 – Critical Thinking & Decision Making in Career Contexts (NC): Motion to approve the proposal **did not pass** (4 votes no; 4 votes yes; 2 abstentions).
3. LRS 401 – Research in the Digital Age for Professionals (NC): **MSP approved** (4 votes no; 5 votes yes; 1 abstention).
4. LRS 402 – Cultural Literacies in Career Contexts (NC): **MSP approved** (4 votes no; 5 votes yes; 1 abstention).
5. LRS 403 – Critical Textual Analysis for Professionals (NC): Motion to approve the proposal **did not pass** (5 votes no; 4 votes yes; 1 abstention).
6. LRS 404 – Writing for the New Millennium for Professionals (NC): Motion to approve the proposal **did not pass** (7 votes no; 3 votes yes; 0 abstentions).

7. GWS 350 – Gender, Race, Class, and Sexuality (CM). **Tabled.** Department plans to resubmit as a new course in General Education after approval from the College’s Academic Council. It was noted that the current proposal does not address GE Writing Intensive (WI) SLOs.
8. Gender and Women Studies Minor (PM): **MSP approved** with changes. Add a statement indicating one of the electives must be at the upper division level (otherwise students may not meet the University’s requirement of 8 upper division units required in the minor); remove course descriptions from the catalog copy; add back statement on individualized work omitted from the proposed catalog copy.
9. Asian American Studies, B.A. Double Major Option (PM): **MSP approved** with clarification of course list (can be *any two* courses).
10. Asian American Studies, B.A. Standard Major Option (PM): **MSP approved** with changes. Add “Select one” above the advanced seminar/special topics course list (requirement #3).
11. Asian American Studies Minor (PM): **MSP approved** with changes. Remove “option” from the name of the minor and correct the total unit count for the minor (should be 24 not 30).
12. English, B.A. Creative Writing Option (PM): **MSP approved.**
13. English Minor in Creative Writing (PM): **MSP approved.**
14. Sustainability Minor (PM): **MSP approved** with change to the implementation semester (should be Fall 2015).

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.