

Educational Policies Committee (EPC) Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Status of Minutes: Approved 8/26/15

Attendees:

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

STAFF: E. Adams, J. Hunter

GUESTS PRESENT: K. Stevenson, M. Mojirsheibani, T. Abourezk, M. Cahn, D. Hosken, C. Jones, J. Binkley, R. Ryan, P. Faiman

I. Announcements

L. Becker reported on the Gender and Women's Studies exit meeting. The program is growing and there were no curricular issues.

II. Business

A. The minutes from 4/22/15 were **MSP approved** with corrections (one abstention).

B. E. Adams said that since the Mathematics Placement Test is in the University Catalog (although not policy or curriculum) it is a curricular change under EPC's purview because it affects undergraduate students. Director of Developmental Mathematics K. Stevenson gave an overview of the proposed changes to the test. There are currently two tests to place out of developmental math. The department is proposing to require only the second exam, recalibrated to separate Algebra and Trigonometry scores, allowing for a more accurate placement of students. Implementation will be coordinated with Admissions and Records because it involves changing coded prerequisites that require the old tests. It must be noted that this is an evidence-based change. Changes to the Math Placement Text were **MSP approved** with corrections to the catalog copy.

C. After some discussion it was **MSP** to table MATH 097 and allow an exception to offer ESM 096S for Fall 2015. The department will make

suggested corrections to the MATH 097 proposal prior to returning to EPC.

- D. EPC reviewed and discussed suggested changes to the Honors at Graduation policy. The following language was **MSP approved**:

Honors at Graduation (Undergraduate)

To receive honors at graduation, a student must:

1. Complete a minimum of ~~45~~ 30 units of work in letter-graded courses at CSUN;
2. Earn a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or above in all ~~work taken at CSUN~~ units attempted, including transfer units;
3. Earn ~~a the following~~ GPA of 3.50 or above in all ~~undergraduate courses, including transfer work~~ taken at CSUN; and
4. Earn the following GPA in all undergraduate units attempted, including transfer work;

Honors at Graduation	
Category	Requirement
Summa Cum Laude	<u>Cumulative</u> GPA of 3.90 or above
Magna Cum Laude	<u>Cumulative</u> GPA of 3.75 to 3.89
Cum Laude	<u>Cumulative</u> GPA of 3.50 to 3.74

- E. E. Adams announced that Undergraduate Studies is working with a vendor to create online curriculum forms and workflow. The plan is to pilot the online forms/workflow with one college during Fall 2015. Paper forms will still be used in the interim. EPC reviewed and discussed changes to the existing forms. It was **MSP approved** to revise the forms.

- F. L. Becker was elected EPC chair for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.