

Educational Policies Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 1, 2017 Status of Minutes: Approved

Attendees

Members Present: L. Becker, M. Carter, P. DiMarco, B. Lasky, C. Mayberry, Y. Mimura, D.

Schwartz, C. Spector, J. Vey, D. Wakefield

Staff: E. Adams, J. Hunter

Guests: J. Heinen, S. Grant, S. Eng-Ziskin, S. Klein, J. Stallcup, P. Lazarony,

C. Hayashi, P. Faiman, R. Espinoza, R. Ryan

I. Announcements

A. L. Becker announced that the Senate Executive Committee's first reading of the Standardized Breaks in Classes Policy recommendation is scheduled for tomorrow.

- B. L. Becker announced the curriculum review schedule for Spring 2017. He noted a change to the schedule for 3/15/17 and 4/5/17. The updated curriculum review schedule is provided below.
 - 1. 2/15/17: Selected Topics, Experimental Topics, and Early Implementation
 - 2. 3/1/17: HHD, CSM
 - 3. 3/15/17: CECS, AMC
 - 4. 4/5/17: EDUC, HUM
 - 5. 4/19/17: DNCBE
 - 6. 5/3/17
- C. L. Becker informed the committee that B. Tila is no longer a member of EPC. Associated Students is in the process of selecting another student representative.
- D. E. Adams announced that the Office of Undergraduate Studies is in the final steps of hiring the Assistant Vice President for Academic Undergraduate Programs. E. Adams is still the Executive Secretary to EPC but the Assistant Vice President will serve as the designee.
- E. C. Spector said there is nationwide and statewide interest about curricular packages for new freshmen. E. Adams shared that a consortium of five CSUs was created to see what the program might look like at each campus, as well as early conversations with LACCD.

II. Business

- A. The minutes from 12/7/16 were **MSP approved**.
- B. Former chairs of the General Education Council (GEC), S. Klein and S. Eng-Ziskin, discussed the GEC report and gave feedback based on their experience. They said GEC members had different understandings of the Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) and recertification process. Some had no prior experience with GE and needed training. The Writing Intensive (WI) SLOs were an area of difficulty. S. Klein suggested that UDWPE faculty and those teaching writing in the disciplines should be asked to provide guidance on the WI SLOs. S. Eng-Ziskin said representation from the different colleges was important and provided perspectives the committee found helpful.
 - E. Adams explained that under EO 1100, the campus is obliged to conduct GE program review. Additionally, WASC is looking at the meaning, quality and integrity of the degree, which GE comprises 48 of 120 units. Courses had to be recertified to move from Plan C to Plan R and the process gave departments an opportunity to reflect on course alignment in GE and whether the course met the SLOs. If the campus goes through GE reform the courses would need to be recertified but not necessarily on a course-by-course basis. Currently, B. Paller from the Office of Assessment and Program Review is working with departments that have courses in Basic Subjects. Under this model, assessment of each subsequent GE section will continue in the following years and departments with courses in those sections would be asked to assess GE instead of program assessment. The University can conduct GE program review from the assessment.

L. Becker thanked S. Klein and S. Eng-Ziskin for sharing their thoughts and preparing the report.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.