

Educational Policies Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Status of Minutes: Approved 5/4/22

Attendees

Members Present: L. Becker, J. DeBonis, S. Garrett, K. Grote, M. Mejia, Y. Mimura, T. Montañó, L. Shelton, K. Taylor, D. Weingarten, T. Zirakian

Staff: E. Adams, J. Charres, D. Cours, J. Hunter

Guests: C. Ayala-Alcantar, K. Baxter, T. Black, W. Cao, M. Carassai, R. Chatterjee, M. Gammage, J. Gandhi, A. Glocke, K. Harris, C. Hayashi, K. Howard, X. Jia, S. Kleinman, G. Knotts, P. Lazarony, S. Lo, R. Muller, R. RiVera Furumoto, K. Stanford, D. Tamalis, J. Thompson, B. Wu

I. Announcements

- A. D. Weingarten announced that President Beck approved EPC's policy recommendation to adopt the revised GE SLOs for Section B: Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning and Section C: Arts, Humanities, and U.S. History. The SLOs will be updated in the 2022-2023 University Catalog.
- B. D. Weingarten congratulated L. Becker and Y. Mimura on their Faculty Senate appointment to EPC for another three-year term.
- C. K. Grote provided an update from the GE Section B5 SLO subcommittee. The subcommittee discussed that proposals should clearly demonstrate how the course meets the overall goal of B5. There may be some confusion surrounding both the goal and the SLOs. Courses previously approved for B5 were made by prior committees, not the current membership. The GE recertification process would determine whether the courses continue to meet the B5 SLOs. The subcommittee suggested adding language to the SOPs that proposals need to demonstrate how the goal will be addressed in the course. T. Montañó added that alignment to the discipline, while recognizing equity and access, is important. Further discussion will be agendized for a future EPC meeting.
- D. D. Weingarten thanked L. Becker and J. DeBonis for volunteering to attend the program review final MOU meetings for Chemistry/Biochemistry and Physics/Astronomy.

II. Business

- A. The minutes from 4/6/22 were **MSP approved**.
- B. College of Health and Human Development
Family and Consumer Sciences
(Returning from 4/6/22)
Course Modification
1. FCS 424 – Resource Management for the Elderly (3). **MSP approved**.
- New Course***
2. FCS 461 – Textiles: Dyeing and Printing (3). **MSP approved**.
- C. College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
Africana Studies
New Courses
1. AFRS 304 – Health and Wellness in Africana Communities (3). **MSP approved**.
 2. AFRS 340A-Z – Selected Topics in Africana Studies (3). **MSP approved** with correction to the syllabus.
 3. AFRS 343 – Film, Literature and Society in Africa (3). **MSP approved**.
 4. AFRS 351 – The Black Aesthetic (3). **MSP approved** with correction to the syllabus.
 5. AFRS 352 – The Black Novel (3). **MSP approved**.
- D. College of Humanities
Asian American Studies
Add Ethnic Studies Designation
1. AAS 390/F – Asian American Communities: Field Practicum (2/1). **MSP approved**.
 2. AAS 453 – Asian American Families (3). **MSP approved**.
- American Indian Studies***
New Course
3. AIS 250 – American Indians and U.S. History (3). **MSP approved** with correction to the syllabus.
- Program Modification***
4. American Indian Studies Minor. **MSP approved**.
- Chicana and Chicano Studies***
New Courses
5. CHS 331 – Chicana/o Decolonizing Research Methods (3). **MSP approved** with updated short title DECOLON RESRCH MTHDS.
 6. CHS 347 – Indigenous Intellectual History (3). **MSP approved**.

7. CHS 362 – Contemporary Indigenous Migrations and Diasporas (3). **MSP approved.**
8. CHS 382 – Literary Constructions of Chicana/x Identity (3). **MSP approved.**
9. CHS 448 – Chicana/o Public History (3). **MSP approved.**

Program Modifications

10. Chicano and Chicana Studies, B.A. – Single Major Option. **MSP approved.**
11. Chicano and Chicana Studies, B.A. – Double Major Option. **MSP approved.**

Jewish Studies

Program Modifications

12. Jewish Studies, B.A. **MSP approved.**
13. Jewish Studies Minor. **MSP approved.**

Liberal Studies

New Courses

14. DH 480 – Digital Humanities Studies and Projects (3). **MSP approved.**
15. LRS 300F – Interdisciplinary Approaches for Future Teachers Field Study (1). **MSP approved.**

Course Modification

16. LRS 300 – Liberal Studies Gateway Experience (3). **MSP approved.**

Program Modifications

17. Liberal Studies, B.A. – Integrated Teacher Education Program (ITEP) Freshman. **MSP approved.**
18. Liberal Studies, B.A. – Integrated Teacher Education Program (ITEP) Junior. **MSP approved.**
19. Liberal Studies, B.A. – Pre-Credential Program Option. **MSP approved.**

Philosophy

New Course

20. PHIL 423 – Continental Philosophy (3). **MSP approved.**

Program Modification

21. Philosophy, B.A. **MSP approved.**

- E. D. Weingarten shared that he presented the AB 928 PowerPoint at the last Faculty Senate meeting with ASCSU Chair R. Collins. The survey link has closed but feedback can be emailed through May to rcollins@calstate.edu.
- F. D. Weingarten said that the Undergraduate Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs) policy recommendation was granted a first reading at the last Faculty Senate meeting. A request was made to consider adding more equity, diversity and inclusive language to the ILOs. T. Montañó will be meeting with M. Gammage and S. Camara to work on the revisions. In addition, the Faculty Senate Educational Equity Standing Committee will also be consulted.

G. E. Adams provided draft revisions to the undergraduate Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) policy to remove the Upper Division Writing Proficiency Exam (UDWPE) as a way of meeting the requirement. In anticipation of this change, the Department of English is in the process of developing a 3 unit writing course as an alternative for students who cannot meet the GWAR through upper division GE. The course could also be offered by other writing departments. A concern was raised whether adding a 3 unit writing course as the alternative would increase total units to the degree for high unit majors.

In addition to updating the GWAR policy, all references to the UDWPE need to be removed from the University Catalog. Although the policy revisions are not needed until Fall 2023, the catalog needs to be updated effective in Fall 2022. E. Adams asked if EPC would consider approving editorial changes to the 2022-2023 University Catalog, which would omit all references to the UDWPE, including course prerequisites. It was **MSP** to remove all references to the UDWPE from the University Catalog effective in Fall 2022. The policy recommendation to update the GWAR will be considered in the next academic year.

Meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.