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Educational Policies Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 1, 2023
Status of Minutes: Approved 2/15/23

Attendees

Members Present:	L. Becker, J. DeBonis, S. Garrett, K. Grote, L. Marcal, Y. Mimura, T. Montaño, K. Taylor, D. Weingarten, T. Zirakian
Members Absent:	J. Anderson
Staff:	D. Cours, R. Guerra, K. Harris, J. Hunter
Guests:	K. Baxter, T. Black, L. Domine, S. Fields, M. Gammage, S. Gandhi, A. Geng, A. Glocke, D. Gray, C. Hayashi, X. Jia, H. Johari, S. Johnson, P. Lazarony, J. Lee, T. Luchko, R. Maas, V. Malhotra, K. Meyers, K. Morgaine, R. Muller, M. Ruzgar, S. Stepanek, D. Tamalis, B. Wightman, B. Wu

I. Announcements

A. D. Weingarten welcomed members, associate deans and guests to the first EPC meeting of the Spring 2023 semester.

B. D. Weingarten announced the curriculum review schedule for Spring 2023:
   1. 2/01/2023: New Experimental Topics, Early Implementation
   2. 2/15/2023: Previously Offered Experimental Topics, Selected Topics, General Education Proposals, Student Success
   3. 3/01/2023: Consent Calendar
   4. 3/15/2023: DNCBE, MCCAMC, CSM
   5. 4/05/2023: HHD (including Dance)
   6. 4/19/2023: HUM, SBS, Ethnic Studies Proposals
   7. 5/03/2023: Returning Proposals

C. D. Weingarten reminded the committee about a discussion last semester regarding wording for recommended corequisites. It was since brought to his attention that course requisites are defined in the catalog. He asked committee members to review the definitions and to consider adopting or amending the information.

D. D. Weingarten shared that AS student appointee J. Anderson is no longer able to serve on EPC due to a schedule conflict. The AS president has been contacted regarding a replacement.

E. J. Hunter said that an in-person program review exit meeting for the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies has been scheduled for Tuesday, 3/14 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. She will follow-up regarding an EPC representative closer to the meeting date.

F. J. Hunter announced that she will be presenting with D. Cours at the Faculty Affairs Chair Leadership Academy session tomorrow, February 2, on Curriculum Management and Development.

II. Business

A. The minutes from 12/7/2022 were **MSP approved**.

B. The memo to update deleted course number GEOG 111/L with the new course number GEOG 112/L in the Geography and Environmental Science, B.S. and the Geographic Information Science, B.S. programs was **MSP approved**, effective Fall 2023. Department will add course description for GEOG 112/L to the memo.

C. The memo to add CHEM 107 to the Chemistry Placement Test (CPT) catalog entry was **MSP approved**, effective Fall 2023.

D. New Experimental Topics Courses
   College of Humanities
   1. PHIL 396G – Japanese Philosophy (3). **MSP approved** pending consultation with and concurrence from Asian American Studies and Religious Studies. Update syllabus by removing or clarifying information about extra credit.
   2. RS 396D – Jainism (3). **MSP approved** with removal of GE information from the syllabus.
   College of Science and Mathematics
   3. SCI 496A/AL – Research Experiences in Computational Biology and Lab (2/1). **MSP approved** with update to syllabus. Remove *Tentative* from the course objectives header.
   College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
   4. AFRS 496O – Adaptations: Black Narratives from Literature to Film (3). **MSP approved** with update to syllabus. Remove percentages and reference to *asynchronous online.*
   5. SOC 496ES – Environmental Sociology (3). **MSP approved**.

E. Curriculum proposals on the Early Implementation Consent Calendar were **MSP approved**, effective Fall 2023 (see **Attachment I**).

F. Early Implementation
   College of Science and Mathematics
   Mathematics
   New Course
   (Returning from 10/19/22 and 11/16/22)
   1. MATH 443 – Probability Theory and Stochastic Processes (3). **MSP approved**.
   Physics and Astronomy
   Program Modifications
   (Returning from 10/19/22 and 12/7/22)
   2. Physics, B.A. The program modification to replace CHEM 101/L with COMP 110/L or COMP 111A/L and COMP 111B/L, and the pattern modification to count COMP 111B/L in E Lifelong Learning were **MSP approved**.
   3. Physics, B.S. – Physics Option. The program modification to replace CHEM 101/L with COMP 110/L or COMP 111A/L and COMP 111B/L, and the pattern modification to count COMP 111B/L in E Lifelong Learning were **MSP approved**.
   4. Physics, B.S. – Astrophysics Option. The program modification to replace CHEM 101/L with COMP 110/L or COMP 111A/L and COMP 111B/L, and the pattern modification to count COMP 111B/L in E Lifelong Learning were **MSP approved**.
   College of Engineering and Computer Science
   Electrical and Computer Engineering
   New Course
   5. ECE 420L – Digital Systems Design with Programmable Logic Lab (1). **MSP approved**. It was suggested that the department update the course description for ECE 420 to inform students of the optional lab.
   College of Humanities
   English
   New Course
   6. ENGL 345 – Recursive Writing (3). **MSP approved**.

G. The GWAR policy was postponed until the next meeting.

H. Discussion of the General Education B5 Subcommittee analysis was postponed until the next meeting.

I. D. Weingarten reminded the committee about a question that arose last semester regarding the grading for a lecture/lab course. The grading information on the sample syllabus indicated that students are assigned the same grade for both the lecture and lab components. He said that nothing in existing policy disallows this grading practice. The grades can be linked or not at the discretion of the instructor or department. If two courses share a grade, it should be clearly articulated on the syllabus and transparent to students. D. Weingarten will look for the appropriate existing policy and draft revisions for review later this semester.

J. D. Weingarten said he received a timely update from A. Swenson on AB 928. The Intersegmental Committee officially approved the Cal-GETC framework. D. Cours said that if the systems approve, the framework will be interpreted by the Chancellor's Office to determine the changes that will be made to general education.

III. New Business

A. During the curriculum review portion of the meeting, a question was raised about the current plagiarism policy and emerging AI technology such as ChatGPT. Some committee members shared their thoughts, including if students copy output generated by a website, the resulting work is not their own. However, the larger issue is that the work is not published writing so current algorithms cannot detect it as plagiarism. D. Cours said Faculty Development is attending a conference looking at university policy. In addition, CSUN could create some knowledge communities about what faculty are learning that might inform EPC on policy. The Chancellor's Office is also planning to hold a session about chat bots and how they are used. D. Weingarten said EPC can continue to discuss the topic at future meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Attachment I: Consent Calendar

Some curriculum proposals will be moved onto a "consent calendar" on the agenda. The purpose of the consent calendar will be to expedite items deemed to be minor and non-controversial. The Chair of EPC will move items onto the consent calendar in consultation with the Executive Secretary of the Committee. All of these items will remain available for review by all EPC members and any EPC member may remove an item from the consent calendar at any time prior to or during the meeting at which the item is to be considered. Items on the consent calendar will be acted upon as a single item. (EPC Standard Operating Procedures, page 3.)

A. College of Engineering and Computer Science

   Computer Science

   Course Modifications

   1. CIT 210/L – Deployment and Management of Operating Systems and Lab (3/1)
      Change course description and requisites
   2. CIT 270/L – Integrative Programming and Lab (3/1)
      Change course description and requisites
   3. CIT 360/L – CIT System Management and Lab (2/1)
      Change course description and requisites
   4. CIT 384/L – Web Development and Hosting and Lab (2/1)
      Change course description and requisites
   5. CIT 396CC/CCL – Cloud Computing and Lab (2/1)
      Change course description and requisites
   6. CIT 425/L – Information and Systems Security and Lab (2/1)
      Change course description and requisites
   7. CIT 481/L – CIT System Design and Implementation II (2/1)
      Change course description and requisites
   8. COMP 256/L – Discrete Structures for Computer Science and Lab (3/1)
      Change course description and requisites
   9. COMP 310 – Automata, Languages and Computation (3)
      Change course description and requisites
   10. COMP 333 – Concepts of Programming Languages (3)
      Change course description and requisites
   11. COMP 430 – Language Design and Compilers (3)
      Change course description and requisites
   12. COMP 440 – Database Design (3)
      Change course description and requisites
   13. COMP 465/L – Computer Graphic Systems and Design and Lab (2/1)
      Change course description and requisites
   14. COMP 467 – Multimedia Systems Design (3)
      Change course description and requisites

15. COMP 482 – Algorithm Design and Analysis (3)
   Change course description and requisites
16. COMP 484/L – Web Engineering I and Lab (2/1)
   Change course description and requisites
17. COMP 485 – Human-Computer Interaction (3)
   Change course description and requisites
18. COMP 492 – Projects in Data Science (3)
   Change course description and requisites

Electrical and Computer Engineering
 Course Modifications
19. ECE 240 – Electrical Engineering Fundamentals (3)
   Change course description and requisites
20. ECE 350 – Linear Systems I (3)
   Change course description and requisites
21. ECE 370 – Electromagnetic Fields and Waves I (3)
   Change course description and requisites
22. ECE 422 – Design of Digital Computers (3)
   Change course title, short title, description and requisites
23. ECE 422L – Design of Digital Computer Lab (1)
   Change course title, short title, description and requisites
24. ECE 425/L – Microprocessor Systems and Lab (3/1)
   Change course description

 Program Modification
25. Electrical Engineering, B.S.
   Replace CE 240 (3 units) with CE 240 (2 units) and CE 240L (1 unit)

Manufacturing Systems Engineering and Management
 Program Modification
26. Manufacturing Systems Engineering, B.S.
   Replace CE 240 (3 units) with CE 240 (2 units) and CE 240L (1 unit) and replace CE 340 (3 units) with CE 340 (2 units) and CE 340L (1 unit)

Mechanical Engineering
 Program Modification
27. Mechanical Engineering, B.S.
   Update titles for ME 186/L and ME 286; Replace CE 240 (3 units) with CE 240 (2 units) and CE 240L (1 unit) and replace CE 340 (3 units) with CE 340 (2 units) and CE 340L (1 unit)

B. Mike Curb College of Arts, Media, and Communication

Art

Program Modification

28. Art, B.A.

   Updates to Art Education Subject Matter program; Additional course choices for students with different concentrations rather than requiring all students to take ART 307 or ART 438/L

Music

Course Modification

29. MUS 319A – Improvisation III (1)

   Change classification from C-4 to C-10; change course description