

2013-14 Faculty Senate
Curriculum Policies Committee
Minutes
Approved: March 4, 2014

Tuesday, February 4, 2014
1:30 p.m.-2:50 p.m.
SAC Hall 275

In attendance: Baker, Biagetti, Ingram, Melzer, Michael, Murphy, Pinch, Burke, Meyer, Newsome, Ahmed

I. Information Items:

a. Liaison reports

- Program Review Oversight Committee (PROC) – Ben A.

Ben Amata is serving as chair this semester. He will call a meeting soon.

- Writing and Reading Subcommittee – Dan

No report - has not met yet

- Curriculum Subcommittee – Kath P.

No report – has not met yet

- Provost's Advisory Committee on Assessment (PACA) – Ben A.

In the process of figuring out in the new Provost would like to continue with this committee.

- Council for the Preparation of School Personnel (CPSP) – Stephanie

No report – has not met yet

- Diversity Awards Committee – Ben F. or Chevelle

No report – has not met yet

b. Faculty Senate and Senate Executive Update

- Special Majors Policy will have 2nd reading on Thursday: need input related to feedback during first reading (e.g. minimum GPA, 3 academic majors needed)
- Discussion:
 - i. Arguments for 3 academic units rather than 2:

1. Special majors are designed for students who have unique academic goals.
 2. They cater to students' specialized interest.
 3. By definition, special majors are not supposed to duplicate existing degree programs, minors, or certificates. As such, it needs to be distinct enough so as not to look like half of one degree and half of another.
 4. The intention is that it be unique.
 5. What we do NOT want it to be is a way to make already-completed courses "count".
- ii. Arguments for GPA of 3.0 minimum to enter a special major
1. Due to the nature of the Special Majors, the special major student should be self-directed and motivated. These are students who can adapt to new environments, integrate knowledge from different sources, and continue learning throughout their lifetimes. Those students tend to have higher GPAs.
 2. The special major students must articulate an integrative and coherent theme. As such, they know what their interests are and how to argue for them.
 3. The Special Majors should NOT be for someone who is floundering and seeking a way to graduate somehow or some way
 4. Sacramento State GPA is right around 3.0 for all students, so we are in the correct range.
 5. We also heard arguments for students who discover a future needs in the job market and cannot find a major to suit their needs, so they create one.
- c. Report from Graduate Dean (Chevelle Newsome)
- This morning GSPC passed the credit hour policy for credential programs.
 - Implementing an electronic graduate admissions process to hopefully go live October 1, 2014
- d. Report from Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies (Sheree Meyer)
- Moving forward on implementation for directed self-placement. Alternative to test-based placement for English. It will be a two-year plan for implementation. Platform has been selected – combo of SacCT and a data warehouse.
 - Dept of Econ has a TMC. Has confirmed to offer a "compatible" degree for Associate's degree in Business Admin.
 - Clarification of 2nd bacc policy (from any accredited university) and American Institutions requirement: not held to American Institutions requirement.

II. Action Items

- a. Approval of minutes from November 5 and December 3 (attached – seeking attendance record for December 3) - approved

III. Discussion Items

- a. New Business: Discuss CPC working items for Spring 2014 (attached)

Went through each item and members updated us on their progress.

b. Old Business: Updates from smaller working groups

c. Old Business: Discussion of Program Suspension Proposal (attached)

Committee discussed the proposal. General agreement. Biagetti noted that already consulted with Criminal Justice to agreed with timeline and policy in general. Biagetti will meet with Foreign Languages on Monday.