

ACADEMIC COUNCIL SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TRANSFER ISSUES

Minutes of Meeting
Thursday, April 20, 2023

I. Approval of the agenda and minutes

Action Taken: *The agenda was approved 7-0-0. The minutes were approved with corrections 7-0-0.*

II. Chair's Report

Jim Chalfant, Chair

The Chair reported on the Philosophy and Sociology pathways. He mentioned the possibility of including related majors such as Latin American and Latino Studies. He had nothing new to report on the Transfer Alignment Project or on AB 928.

III. Consultation with the Academic Senate Leadership

Susan Cochran, Academic Senate Chair

James Steintrager, Academic Senate Vice Chair

Senate Chair Cochran told the committee that President Drake announced that academic salary scales will be increased. However, many faculty receive a portion of their salary off-scale and this raise does not address that. She encouraged faculty to work with their campus administration to rectify the off-scale portion of their salaries.

Council endorsed nominations from the COC for the Mid-Career Leadership Award. This year's awardees are Katheryn Russ (UCD) and Daniel Widener (UCSD). The Senate has undertaken two workgroups: one is on achievement relative to opportunity and the second is on the future of UC doctoral programs. This second one will be co-chaired by Susannah Scott (UCSB) and Gillian Hayes (UCI) and will focus on academic graduate education and how faculty can interact with students who are also employees. Steven Cheung (UCSF) has been elected as the incoming vice chair of the Academic Senate.

AB 1749 is being worked on in Sacramento. The goal of the legislation is to make CSU and UC have the same admission criteria. However, UC has enrollment capacity issues, unlike the CCC and CSU. Chair Cochran explained that AB 928 mandates one GE pathway for UC and CSU. She sits on an AB 928 sub-committee that is trying to create an ADT that will meet the needs of STEM by only adding six units. This is not possible with Cal-GETC. At the last meeting, the sub-committee chair pushed for an ADT for STEM with that would allow students to transfer in Engineering. Separately, the CSUs are feeling pressure from their administration to accept the Cal-GETC, but it has implications for the CSU GE breadth requirement. Chair Cochran said that ACSCOTI should be looking at making more Pathways so that the University can demonstrate that it is possible to transfer to UC without difficulty.

IV. Data-Analysis Plan and Results

Tongshan Chang, Director, IRAP

Director Chang discussed a draft report on transfer data research areas and questions. The committee members had questions and they were answered by Mr. Chang and by other consultants. The Director also shared a slide that showed ADT transfer students by year; however, he said, that the data may not be up-to-date. In response to a question, the Director said that his office is hoping to present the report to the Regents in September or November.

V. Updating the Sociology Pathway Description

Chair Chalfant discussed updating the Sociology pathway with members. He explained that Professor Jacob would be handling Math, he and Professor Narayan would be handling Physics, and that he would be working on Social Sciences. He invited members to review and work on a subject-area pathway that was of interest to them.

Members discussed the review of Pathways and the development of new Pathways.

The committee adjourned at 12:10 p.m.