

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

VIDEOCONFERENCE MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017

Attending: Barbara Knowlton, Chair, (UCLA), Edward Caswell-Chen, Vice Chair, (UCD), Stephan Miescher (UCSB), Alicia Tran (Undergraduate Student Representative, UCSB), John Tamkun (UCSC), Anne Zanzucchi (UCM), Judith Rodenbeck (UCR), Tony Smith (UCI), Kimberly Topp (UCSF), James Rauch (UCSD), Laura Nelson (UCB), Beth Lazazzera (UCLA), Iman Mills-Gordon (Provost's Office), Kimberly Peterson (Manager, Academic Planning, IRAP, UCOP), Jim Chalfant (Chair, Academic Senate), Brenda Abrams (Principal Analyst, Academic Senate)

I. Announcements

Academic Council discussed the proposed revisions to the APM policy on the Lecturers With Security of Employment series. UCEP's proposed amendment of SR 630 to add the Natural Reserve System course has been distributed for systemwide review. Another topic of discussion at Council was the tuition increase. Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Admissions Stephen Handel reported that admissions applications are up. While transfers are lower, campuses are track to meet the 2:1 ratio of freshmen admits to transfers. The UC Scout program may ask the Academic Senate to review the online a-g courses and faculty who volunteer may receive credit for service if they participate in the reviews. Chair Knowlton described the discussions about limiting non-resident enrollment. Current thinking is that there would be a 20% systemwide cap on non-resident students and several campuses are already over this figure. Developing a policy that is more campus specific and addresses growth issues would eliminate the need for an arbitrary cap, and campuses would have a non-resident policy that would maximize the to educating California students.

At the Academic Planning Council meeting, the need for longer range planning and creating a framework for growth was discussed. Developing a policy for degree completion for non-matriculated students was proposed in a memo from the vice provost and deans for undergraduate education. Having a more consistent policy would specifically address catalog rights for students who are returning either after getting into trouble for academic performance, taking time off for family reasons, or for other reasons. The policy would distinguish between students who are in good standing versus students who have left without intending to return or were not in good academic standing. Information would be tailored to these different types of students.

At ICAS, the Head of the State Board of Education discussed the relationship between higher education and k-12. UCEP may want to discuss some of the issues and ways to be involved. There are questions about whether computer science training is a type of math which UCEP may want to consider. Another issue is the Common Core. Chair Knowlton shared the Council and UCFW statements regarding the President's Executive Order on Immigration. UCEP could specifically endorse UCFW's memo.

Discussion: The UCLA representative indicated that the CEP is concerned that online courses would be added to SR 630, and the term "systemwide" should be better defined. Chair Chalfant commented that it would be interesting to track the performance of students who participated in UC Scout once they arrive at UC. Systemwide policies related to catalog rights may be more complicated on campuses. Members agreed that UCEP should endorse the UCFW memo and Chair Knowlton will notify Council that UCEP endorses this memo.

II. Consent Calendar

Action: The December 5, 2016 minutes were approved.

III. Budget Framework Initiative: Major Requirements Rationale Review

UCEP reviewed additional rationales from the campuses to determine if the information provided was adequate or if additional details will be required. Chair Knowlton thanked the members for submitting their feedback on the rationales from the campuses and noted that the committee had several new rationales to review.

Discussion: Members discussed issues related to a handful of the rationales from the campuses. Miss. Mills-Gordon will follow up with the campuses regarding any questions that came up today. UCEP members expressed concerns about the majors with built in minors and the committee will discuss this issue later. The committee agreed to send several of the rationales back to the departments with a request for clarification or additional details. Members shared concerns about burdening departments by asking for more information.

Action: Chair Knowlton will prepare the feedback for the rationales that will be sent back to the campuses by Miss. Mills-Gordon

IV. Student-Led Courses: Campus Policies & Practices

Chair Knowlton asked members if additional information should be added to the descriptions in the draft memo.

Discussions: Chair Chalfant suggested clarifying that student-led courses are approved using the campuses' standard course approval processes. It was noted that these courses are automatically sun-setting or in certain cases the courses may be ongoing with faculty oversight.

V. Consultation with the Academic Senate Office

- *Jim Chalfant, Chair, Academic Senate*

The UCFW statement on the President's Executive Order has not yet been unanimously endorsed by the Council. Academic Council's statement has been posted on the Senate website. The proposed cap on non-resident students is a threat to UC's budget and will immediately impact campuses already over this cap and other campuses will be affected in the longer-term. The letters of recommendation pilot at UCB has not been very popular. BOARS is looking for ways to better describe the compare favorably policy for non-resident students. The proposal to revise the Committee on International Education's bylaw was viewed very suspiciously by the campuses. For the framework for growth discussed at the Academic Planning Council, each campus will consider developing a vision that includes capital needs.

The President would like UC to set a gold standard for inclusion. The Coordinating Council on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) has taken the position that the personal information about students being gathered should not be shared with admitting units. Chair Chalfant reported that it is not clear what the administration will do with the responses to the proposed policy on Lecturers with Security of Employments series (LSOE) and UCEP should discuss the next version of the proposed policy on LSOEs. Chair Chalfant noted that the Committee on Affirmative Action, Diversity and Equity discussed the recent protests in response to a controversial speaker at UCB.

Discussion: Reportedly, UCSD has already adopted the title “Teaching Professor” for faculty in the LSOE series.

Meeting adjourned at: 1 pm
Minutes prepared by: Brenda Abrams
Attest: Barbara Knowlton