

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
ACADEMIC SENATE
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
TELECONFERENCE MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014

Attending: Tracy Larrabee, Vice Chair (UCSC), Ann Plane (UCSB), Donald Curtis (UCSF), Nicholas Sitar (UCB), Troy Carter (UCLA), Seeta Chaganti (UCD), Charles Smith (UCI), Mark Springer (UCR), Jay Sharping (UCM), Mary Beth Pudup (UCSC), Leslie Carver (UCSD), Andrew Kenney (Graduate Student Representative), Brenda Abrams (Principal Analyst)

I. Announcements and Updates

Vice Chair Larrabee will chair the meeting because Chair Labor is at an all day meeting of the transfer action team. In December the Academic Planning Council discussed how UC's new open access policy will become a presidential policy. The presidential policy will have to apply to all campuses, including UCSF which already has an open access policy that is more stringent, so the Academic Planning Council will focus on how to implement the policy uniformly. Performance metrics were discussed and UC wants to develop a plan for devising its own indicators which reflect UC's mission. A performance indicator task force has been formed by the Office of the President which does not include any faculty. One question is who UC should be compared against. The comparison 8 institutions are mostly private institutions. The Academic Planning Council also discussed the cost of educating a student over the course of four years. Depending on the metrics used, the cost to educate a student can have a wide range. Four different models were presented by Associate Vice President Debora Obley. Each campus has submitted an enrollment plan and the interaction between rebenching and enrollment is being assessed. An enrollment issues working group will look at problems with the referral pool, eligibility in the local context and transfers. The president has an initiative to increase the number of transfer students.

Academic Council met with the President. The President wants more lab or hands on experience for students as appropriate to the discipline. The Moreno report was discussed. The working group has drafted an initial paper which is not yet ready for comments. The Vice Chari reported that the Moreno report has prompted good discussions at UCSC. The president wants to increase the number of students transferring into UC and Chair Labor is attending a transfer action team meeting today. UCEP members are encouraged to send Chair Labor any ideas about how to improve the transfer process. The review of CITRIS was discussed and some members of Council think CITRIS should be redesigned. The prioritization of capital needs was discussed. One issue is whether partial projects would be allowed, which would provide funding for projects like retrofitting existing building.

Council considered UCEP's proposed SR 760 revision and recommended changing the word examination to "assessment activities." It is not clear that this change will satisfy WASC but Council did not suggest a more stringent policy. The decision was made to send SR 760 back to the divisions who will be instructed to develop a policy. Council accepted the systemwide course approval guidelines. This means that UCEP no longer has to review any ILTI courses and the approvals of these courses as intercampus courses will happen at the home campus. UCEP will review the two courses in the agenda today. ICAS discussed the open access textbook project which is funded by Hewlett. The project aims to make number of open access textbooks available by June of this year. This project will be administered by the CSU but it may be useful to UC students as well.

Discussion: A member expressed concerns about the lack of consultation with the Senate about the budget models reviewed by the Academic Planning Council. However, Vice Chair Larrabee indicated that UCEP should pay attention to this discussion but should not be alarmed until more information is provided. The representatives from UCLA and UCM reported that discussions about the Moreno Report

have taken place at their campuses. It is possible that WASC will require UC to develop a systemwide policy for SR 760, so this matter may come back to UCEP.

II. Consent Calendar

Action: The minutes were approved.

III. UC Hispanic Serving Institutions Initiative and Proposal to Establish a Regents Diversity Fellowship

Vice Chair Larrabee reported that UCSC is in the process of becoming an Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) and this proposal would make the entire UC one. UCEP is invited to comment by the Committee on Affirmative Action and Diversity.

Discussion: A member questioned how this program will work in light of the other existing programs for Hispanic students and adding one fellowship will not be significant. It was noted that sometimes the pool of Hispanic students is very small so whether this program will make a difference is unclear. How this initiative will be coordinated with the presidential initiative for post-docs should be clarified because the latter focuses on the STEM disciplines. A member noted that the total Hispanic enrollment at an HSI constitutes a minimum of 25% of the total enrollment. UCEP should request more information about what this means on a per campus and aggregate basis and where UC is now. Although the \$5M is too little to make a difference given the numerous fellowships already available at a campus like UCB, the UCM representative reported that one more fellowship would make a significant impact. One member expressed concern that UC is admitting Hispanic students who are not qualified, so the focus should be upon increasing the pool.

One member thinks it will be great to support students in undergraduate programs. It was also noted that the summer program could be a place where the pipeline could be improved. It is not clear why the current funding balance is proposed. Another question is whether there will be parallel programs to support students from other ethnic backgrounds.

Action: The analyst and Vice Chair will draft a memo outlining UCEP's concerns.

IV. SR 760

Chair Labor drafted a letter addressed to Council Chair Jacob about SR 760 for the committee's approval.

Discussion: Members agreed with the letter and did not recommend any changes.

V. Systemwide Course Approvals

Discussion: History: Introduction to Latin American History: The lead reviewer provided a brief overview of the course and indicated that the course makes sense. Changes recommended by the campus have been incorporated. The reviewer thinks this course is fine. A member reported that the professor plans to use different types of technology. The committee approved this course.

Terrorism and War: The course has been offered many times in a standard format, and the reviewer thinks the online course will be more of a hybrid. The syllabus mentions that by the end of the course the students will be more informed citizens and the reviewer suggested that the instructor should think about how to measure whether a student is more informed. The reviewer recommends that this course be approved. It was noted that this is an elective class. Most of the instructors in this course will be non-UC

faculty and the UC faculty member's role is not well defined, which is troubling to several committee members. Members agreed UCEP could ask for clarification about who is responsible for making sure that students synthesize the information provided by the many guest lecturers. Although the proposal includes two mentions about how the exams will be proctored, it is not clear if students have to go to UCD or if they can go to any campus. A member commented that UCEP should ask ILTI to address the proctoring issues. ILTI should set up standard mechanisms for how proctoring will work. Members agreed to ask for clarification from the instructor.

Action: The analyst and Vice Chair will draft an email to the instructor of the Terrorism and War. The analyst will notify the instructor of the History course that it has been approved.

V. Transfer Issues

This item was not discussed.

VI. New Business

There was no New Business.

VIII. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned at: 11:33 AM
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Attest: Tracy Larrabee