

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
ACADEMIC SENATE
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
TELECONFERENCE MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2013

Attending: Tim Labor, Chair (UCR), Tracy Larrabee, Vice Chair (UCSC), Ann Plane (UCSB), Donald Curtis (UCSF), Nicholas Sitar (UCB), Troy Carter (UCLA), Seeta Chaganti (UCD), Charles Smith (UCI), Jack Vevea (UCM), Mark Springer (UCR), Andrew Kenney (Graduate Student Representative), Hilary Baxter (Associate Director, Academic Planning, Programs and Coordination), Michael Trevino (Director of Undergraduate Admissions, UCOP), Bill Jacob (Chair, Academic Senate), Mary Gilly (Vice Chair, Academic Senate), Martha Winnacker (Executive Director, Academic Senate), Kenneth Feer (Principal Analyst)

I. Updates

Chair Labor reminded committee members about the December 6th deadline for submitting information about the campus procedures and that the analyst should be copied. The November 20th Academic Council meeting focused on the Moreno Report. Council met the new president's new Chief of Staff and Council discussed the nature of Senate consultation as well as the president's seven initiatives. ILTI is up and running with eleven students enrolled now. An analysis of the pension initiative analysis is underway and the issue is the impact to the vested rights doctrine. One of the issues discussed with the president is the lack of proper consultation with the Senate regarding composite benefit rates.

Vice Chair Larrabee reported on the Senate-UCOE leadership meeting and the budget call. The website is available for enrollment from nine campuses, and there are eleven courses which are intended for UC students only for now. Eligibility at the campuses varies. For some campuses a student has to complete 12 units at home campus before enrolling online, but some online are "remedial." Support for enrolling in courses is not available 24 hours a day but support for a student while actively taking a course online is. Campuses have different rules for proctoring of exams. Articulation is being discussed. ILTI plans to ask each instructor how many cross-campus students they will take and will provide funding for the TAs and a stipend to the department which is based on expected enrollment. Cross campus enrollment issues including different systems are being discussed. There was a discussion about whether UCEP has a role in course approval. The UCOE leadership seems mystified that UCEP would have a role with respect to cross campus enrollment.

During the recent Budget call, there was a discussion about how to use the projected surplus in the 2014-15 budget. There is a proposed constitutional amendment related to pensions and while UC should be concerned, the fact that UC faculty have autonomy from the state should help. The state's obligation to the retirement plan is \$240M but it has provided only \$87M. The President's initiatives, that currently just have one time funding, were discussed. During the discussion about composite benefit rates, the provost indicated that a campus could opt out but would have to build its own system and fund its share of UC Path.

Discussion: A member pointed out that UCEAP is offering its own courses that do not originate at a campus and are taught by lecturers hired in the country, not by regular UC faculty. UCEAP is discussing offering online courses in the future as well. It is not clear whether information about cross enrollment has been communicated to faculty, especially those interested in teaching online courses who would like to know about resources available to them. A member commented that enrolling large numbers of non-resident students is not a good way to curry public favor. It was also noted that the messaging about the

value of an undergraduate education needs to be improved. A UCSB administrative committee on online education is developing similar statements.

II. Consent Calendar

Action: The minutes were approved with corrections.

III. APM 035

The committee has the opportunity to comment on APM 035.

Action: The committee voted not to opine on this matter.

IV. Consultation with the Academic Senate Leadership

- *Bill Jacob, Chair, Academic Senate*
- *Mary Gilly, Vice Chair, Academic Senate*
- *Martha Winnacker, Executive Director, Academic Senate*

Chair Jacob indicated that UCEP will be involved in the work on the President's transfer initiative. The goals of the transfer initiative step directly on the Senate's toes. BOARS and UCPB will also be involved with this issue. This process requires meaningful consultation. The Office of the President is examining efficiency to free up money to cover the UC Path cost overruns. Chair Jacob reported that the Moreno workgroup has met once and is on a fast track. The enrollment management workgroup is reviewing summary background information and this information will eventually be shared with UCEP. ICAS has been granted \$500K from Hewlett foundation to support the Open Education Resources Council. This will be matched by \$500K from state over the next two years. ICAS will meet on December 12th.

Discussion: The public needs to be engaged in a different way. The governor knows that UC currently does not have public support. The legislature does not understand UC's research mission but the Regents are interested and learning more about the research funding and the importance of broad support.

V. SR 760

A revision of SR 760 has been shared with the committee and the chair invited further discussion.

Discussion: The committee agreed with the current revisions. The committee voted in favor of the changes that are proposed and in favor of sending the memo to Academic Council.

VI. Self-Supporting Graduate Degree Programs

UCEP can provide comments on the revisions to the policies for self supporting graduate degree programs. Chair Labor pointed out that the location of offerings is mentioned. UCEP should advise that SR 694 is undefined with regard to the relationship between online education and off-campus study.

Discussion: Members agreed with the chair's suggestion. A member asked how each campus can define the campus overhead for these programs. Currently the programs pay no tax to the campus itself and it is not clear that the fee that is paid covers the campus overhead. UCEP should comment that it is not clear how infrastructure costs are to be supported. The committee voted to submit a memo with these comments.

Action: The chair and analyst will draft a memo with the committee's comments.

VII. Systemwide course approvals

Based on feedback from Executive Director Winnacker, Chair Labor recommended removing the parenthesis around UC Sacramento and UCDC to make the guidelines make more general. The committee should decide if the guidelines are ready to be sent back to Academic Council.

Discussion: A member asked for clarification about ILTI. Chair Labor confirmed that the ILTI courses are campus based and will not fall under the guidelines. According to Vice Chair Larrabee, ILTI will not issue transcripts. A member suggested that UCEP would want to have the same information provided to the campus committee that approved the course. The committee voted to submit the revised guidelines to Council and in favor of submitting the memo to Council.

VIII. Executive Session

Minutes were not taken during Executive Session.

IX. New Business

There was no New Business.

Meeting adjourned at: 11:45 am

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Attest: Tim Labor