

University Committee on Preparatory Education

Minutes of Meeting

January 18, 2024

I. Chair's Announcements

Amanda Solomon Amarao, UCOPE Chair

1. The minutes of the October meeting were approved as noticed.
2. The April meeting will be in person, and business will focus on revisions to the UCOPE bylaw and student preparedness.

II. UCOPE Business

1. Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) Coordinating Council (ECC) Charge
Chair Solomon provided a brief background of the issue, noting that communications with external audiences will also be important to develop carefully. For example, ensuring that students know the test is diagnostic, not punitive, and is accompanied by support systems, is important. Student success is longitudinal, so assessment should continue beyond placement.
Some members suggested re-ordering some of the items into a hierarchy of importance and clarifying the definition of certain "insider" terms. Securing comparable data from the campuses could be challenging. Self-directed placement should be evaluated critically.
UCOPE's consultants noted that an annual report on ELWR satisfaction is sent to the state, so the Office of the President can provide analytics to ECC. Longitudinal data will be collected.
Chair Solomon will circulate revisions for electronic approval.
2. Campus Updates
Note: Item not addressed.
3. UCOPE Bylaw
Note: Item not addressed.

III. Consultation with Academic Senate Leadership

James Steintrager, Academic Council Chair

Steve Cheung, Academic Council Vice Chair

1. Regents: a) A discussion of Senate Regulation 630.E (campus experience) is scheduled. A broader discussion of delegated Senate authorities could follow. b) A discussion on political statements on University websites has been expedited, in part due to campus events following international actions. How to define political and how to enforce such a policy remain to be determined.

2. Presidential Task Force on Instructional Modalities and UC Undergraduate Quality Education: This group is nearly ready to launch, and it will focus on what can/should online education at UC be? Are fully online degrees viable in the UC context? Council Vice Chair Cheung is co-chairing the task force, and data requests have already been sent to the Office of the President.
3. Chancellor Searches: Committee work is well underway to find new leaders for UCLA and Berkeley. Members asked about the chancellor review process, instead. Reviewers' names are kept confidential, and findings are sent to the President; the Senate is closely involved.
4. Labor Relations: The impacts of the new contracts are still being assessed, even though new negotiations loom next year. How best to include Senate voices is being discussed. Zero-sum funding is a significant obstacle, which could lead to fewer student employees and increases in faculty workloads. Negative impacts to mentoring and research seem likely.

IV. Further Discussion and new Business

None.

Adjournment 12:05 pm

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Attest: Amanda Solomon Amarao

Attendance:

Amanda Solomon Amarao, Chair

Po-Ning Chen, Vice Chair

Steven Lee, UCB

Susan Keen, UCD

Brad Queen, UCI

Steve Margulis, UCLA

Felicia Lopez, UCM

Jianzhong Wu, UCR

Guershon Harel, UCSD

Brian Dolan, UCSF

Jason Duque, UCSB

John Tamkun UCSC

