

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON PREPARATORY EDUCATION

Minutes of Meeting
Friday, April 27, 2012
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
UCOP, 1111 Franklin Street, Oakland – Room 5320
Telephone: 510-987-9466
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I. Chair's Report/Announcements – Chair Jonathan Alexander

- Welcome and Introductions

II. Consent Calendar

- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of the Minutes from January 20, 2012

ACTION: The agenda was approved as noticed; the approval of the January 20 minutes was postponed and will be sent to members for review and approval.

III. Consultation with the Academic Senate Leadership –

Robert Powell, Academic Council Vice Chair

Vice Chair Powell provided updates on the Systemwide Provost search process and on the Chancellor searches at San Diego and Berkeley. He also discussed the Senate Memorial which faculty overwhelmingly support, the impact of the state budget on UC, and UC On-line Education.

IV. Consultation with the President's Office –

Tongshan Chang, Content Manager, Institutional Research
Erika Jackson, Analyst, Institutional Research
Kate Jeffery, Interim Director, Undergraduate Admissions
Julie Lind, AWPE Analyst

DISCUSSION: Julie Lind shared highlights from the AWPE annual report and discussed the sliding-scale application fee waiver for exam. IR staff presented the AWPE Statistical Analysis recently performed by the UCOP Institutional Research group. Going forward, Chair Alexander asked that the IR consultation occur with UCOPE vis-à-vis George Gadda.

V. Report from UCOPE-EMS Advisory Group – Robin Scarcella (UCI), Chair, UCOPE-EMS Advisory Group

Chair Robin Scarcella presented a report of the March 9 meeting of the UCOPE English for Multilingual Students Advisory Group.

VI. Analytical Writing Placement Exam: Standards for Passing the Requirement – George Gadda, UCLA Writing Program

DISCUSSION: AWPE Committee Chair George Gadda led a discussion on passing the AWPE requirement. Notes were not recorded this portion of this discussion due to its confidential subject matter.

VII. UCSD Proposal for ELWR Exemption – Chair Alexander

UCSD is proposing to exempt a fraction of its students from the Systemwide ELWR course requirement.

ACTION: After brief discussion, UCOPE voted unanimously to send a letter conveying its concerns with the two IRB-approved study proposals measuring the effect of basic writing courses on UCSD students and support of the request to exempt a fraction of UCSD students from the Systemwide ELWR course requirement.

VIII. UC Online Education: UCEP Response to the UCOE Proposal – Chair Alexander

ACTION: After brief discussion, UCOPE voted unanimously to send a letter that recommends that UCOE courses include a requirement that students have satisfied the ELWR in a manner comparable to the previous recommendation by BOARS.

IX. New Business –

• **Systemwide Math Diagnostic Test – David Smith (UCSC)**

David Smith discussed a letter that will be sent to undergraduate Math department vice chairs regarding a Systemwide Math Diagnostic Test.

• **Increase in international students and need for more spaces in specialized courses – Ross Frank (UCSD)**

Ross Frank discussed the increase in international students and need for more spaces in specialized courses at UCSD.

• **Entry level writing and interpretation of test scores – George Gadda, UCLA Writing Program**

George Gadda discussed entry level writing and interpretation of test scores and shared the results of an analysis comparing the writing placement results of students coming to UCLA from schools outside the U.S. with those coming from schools within the U.S.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Attest: Jonathan Alexander, UCOPE Chair
Prepared by Eric Zárate, Committee Analyst