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From: Chris Brazier, Chair, Curriculum and Educational Policies Council

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Annual Report of the Curriculum and Educational Policies Council, 2009-10

ACTIVITIES COMPLETED DURING ACADEMIC YEAR 2008-9

New, Changes To, and Discontinuances of Programs

1. Create a post-baccalaureate certificate in Communicative Disorders to be offered through CCPE. Recommended to the senate on October 7 2009.
2. Create a minor in Forensic Studies to be offered by the department of Criminal Justice. Recommended to the senate on October 7, 2009.
3. Replace the BA in French Studies with the interdisciplinary option for the BA in French and Francophone Studies in the Department of Romance, German, Russian Languages and Literatures. Recommended to the senate on October 19 2009.
4. Create a new Master of Arts degree in Italian Studies in the Department of Romance, German, Russian Languages and Literatures. Recommended to the senate on October 19 2009.
5. Discontinue the Bachelor of Science in Occupational Studies, including the options in Vocational Arts (OCSTBS05) and Transition Services (OCSTBS04), without a discontinuance study. Recommended to the senate on October 19 2009.
6. Reactivate UNIV300. Approved November 18 2009.
7. Discontinue the Option in Translation & Interpretation (Spanish) without a discontinuance study. Recommended to the senate on April 8 2010.

Changes to the names of academic units

1. Change the name of the Department of Journalism to the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication. Recommended to the senate on April 15 2010.
2. Change the name of Library and Academic Technology Services to University Library. Recommended to the senate on October 7, 2009.
3. Change the name of the Department of Social Work to the School of Social Work. Recommended to the senate on April 15 2010.

Revisions to existing and development of new university policy statements

1. Revise Section III of the policy "Coordination of Multi-Section and Sequential Courses.

Recommended to the senate on 9 September 2009.

2. Declare obsolete PS73-14, "Transferability of Credit for Cross-Listed Interdisciplinary Courses." Recommended to the senate on 9 September 2009.
3. Create a new policy on Timely Graduation of Undergraduate Students. Recommended to the senate on November 19 2009.
4. Declare obsolete PS 75-12 "Implementation of Trustee-Approved Graduate Degree and Admission Requirements." Recommended to the senate on May 20 2010.
5. Amend PS 98-08 to include all types of graduate and other post-baccalaureate credit earned as a senior. Recommended to the senate on May 20 2010.
6. Amend PS 71-07 "Requirements for Additional Baccalaureate Degrees." Recommended to the senate on May 20 2010.
7. Create a unified policy "Requirements for Master's Degrees" incorporating numerous current policies and material that appears in the Catalog but not in any policy statement. Recommended to the senate on May 20 2010.

Annual Reports of Committees that Report to the Council

1. Academic Appeals Committee - Reviewed and accepted 9 September 2009.
2. Grade Appeals Committee - Reviewed and accepted 9 September 2009.
3. International Education Committee - Reviewed and accepted 9 September 2009.
4. University Library Committee - Reviewed and accepted 9 September 2009.
5. General Education Governing Committee – no report.
6. Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement Committee - Reviewed and accepted 9 September 2009.
7. Teacher Preparation Committee - Reviewed and accepted 9 September 2008.

Appointment of Liaisons or Members to University Committees and the Senate

1. Academic Senate - Christopher Brazier - 9 September 2009.
2. Academic Appeals Committee – Kent Merrifield - 14 October 2009.
3. General Education Governing Committee – Amy Essington - 9 September 2009.
4. Grade Appeals Committee – Sarah Shrank - 9 September 2009.

5. International Education Committee – Ken Curtis - 9 September 2009.
6. Teacher Preparation Committee – Mary Celsi - 23 September 2009, replaced by Sal Kukalis on February 10 2010.
7. University Library Committee - Tiffini Travis - 23 September 2009.
8. Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement Committee – Sue Stanley - 9 September 2009.

General Education Course List Supplements

1. Approved Supplement 63 on 9 December 2009.
2. Approved Supplement 64 on 12 May 2010.

General Overview

The council spent the majority of the academic year working on two areas of policy. The first, a new policy on “Timely Graduation of Undergraduate Students” was developed in response to the Chancellor’s Office initiative to reduce the number of super-senior students. We attempted to balance the needs of high unit majors and students with a legitimate need for double majors with speeding students to graduation in a timely manner and thus maximizing access to CSULB for eligible students. This policy was approved unchanged by the senate on 9 March 2009. The majority of the year was devoted to developing a single policy dealing with all aspects of graduate degrees, a process that had begun in the 2008-09 academic year. The result was four proposals (numbers 4-7 above) to the academic senate. The council decided to separate out the policy on other post-baccalaureate degrees (#6) from that on masters degrees (#7).

Unfinished Business

Late in the year the council considered changes to the General Education policy recommended by GEGC. Most of these were approved with minor changes but the recommendation to remove the two lab science requirement from area B proved very contentious. After two meetings which included presentations by the interested parties the council was unable to reach consensus and decided to postpone a final decision to 2010-11. The senate returned the policy on multisection courses to the council pending the development of a policy on standard course outlines. It is expected that such a policy will be developed in Fall 2010.