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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, 2010-11

ACTIVITIES COMPLETED DURING ACADEMIC YEAR 2010-11

New, Changes To, and Discontinuances of Programs

1. Discontinue the Master of Arts in Occupational Studies offered by the now dissolved Department of Professional Studies. Recommended to the senate on October 13 2010.
2. Create a new minor in Event Management to be offered jointly by the Departments of Family and Consumer Sciences and Recreation and Leisure Studies. Recommended to the senate on November 10 2010.
3. Discontinue the Career Counseling option in the MS in Counseling degree offered by the Department of Advanced Studies in Education and Counseling. Recommended to the senate on December 8 2010.
4. Discontinue the Interdisciplinary Minor in Cross Cultural Language and Academic Development offered by the Department of Advanced Studies in Education and Counseling. Recommended to the senate on December 8 2010.
5. Suspend the stateside component of the MS in Emergency Services offered by the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. Approved on December 8 2010 with a requirement to report back in two years.
6. Change the name of the option Sport Psychology and Coaching to Sport Psychology and Leadership for the BS in Kinesiology. Recommended to the senate on December 8 2010.
7. Discontinue the MA/MS in Interdisciplinary Studies. Recommended to the senate on December 8 2010.
8. Discontinue the BA/BS in Interdisciplinary Studies. Recommended to the senate on December 8 2010.
9. Discontinue the minor in Kinesiology. Recommended to the senate on March 9 2011.
10. Create a new degree program Doctor of Nursing Practice to be offered by the School of Nursing in conjunction with CSULA and CSU Fullerton. Recommended to the senate on April 27 2011.
11. Create a new degree program Doctor of Physical Therapy to be offered by the Department of Physical Therapy. Recommended to the senate on April 27 2011.

Changes to the names of academic units

None

Revisions to existing and development of new university policy statements

1. Revise the General Education policy to allow students greater flexibility in meeting the GE requirements and add an Integrative Learning Capstone. Recommended to the senate on September 22 2010.
2. Revise the Grade Appeal policy to make the Provost the final signer on all appeals.
3. Revise the Syllabus policy to include Standard Course Outlines. Recommended to the senate on 10 November 2010.
4. Amend the Discontinuance policy to have a discontinuance panel formed only when needed. Recommended to the senate on 9 March 2011.
5. Create a new policy on Academic Progress Rules. Recommended to the senate on 23 March 2011.

Annual Reports of Committees that Report to the Council

1. Academic Appeals Committee - Reviewed and accepted 8 September 2010.
2. Grade Appeals Committee - Reviewed and accepted 8 September 2010.
3. International Education Committee - Reviewed and accepted 8 September 2010.
4. University Library Committee - Reviewed and accepted 8 September 2010.
5. General Education Governing Committee – Reviewed and accepted 8 September 2010.
6. Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement Committee - Reviewed and accepted 22 September 2010.
7. Teacher Preparation Committee - Reviewed and accepted 8 September 2010.

Appointment of Liaisons or Members to University Committees and the Senate

1. Academic Senate - Christopher Brazier - 8 September 2010.
2. Academic Appeals Committee – Kent Merrifield - 8 September 2010.
3. General Education Governing Committee – Tiffany Travis - 8 September 2010.

4. Grade Appeals Committee – Sarah Shrank - 8 September 2010.
5. International Education Committee – Nathan Jensen - 8 September 2010.
6. Teacher Preparation Committee – Huong Nguyen - 8 September 2010.
7. University Library Committee – Caitlin Murdock - 8 September 2010.
8. Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement Committee – Sue Stanley - 8 September 2010, replaced by Nathan Jensen on 8 December 2010.

General Education Course List Supplements

1. Approved Supplement 65 on 11 May 2011.

General Overview

The council spent a significant part of the academic year developing a new policy on “Academic Progress Rules.” The rules set criteria and standards for departments wishing to establish timelines that students must meet to stay on track to their degrees. It also gives greater authority to departments to dismiss students from majors when they are not making adequate progress while ensuring that the rights of the students are not infringed. This policy was submitted to the senate for consideration in 2011-12.

We completed review of the General Education policy changes proposed by GEGC with a split recommendation on the issue of whether students should take both a biological and a physical science lab course.

We reviewed a large number of discontinuance and new program requests accepting most. A request for a new minor in Construction Engineering Management was eventually withdrawn after considerable discussion. The main issue was that the minor was intended only for Civil Engineering majors which is contrary to the normal standard of minors being open to all students.

Unfinished Business

The senate returned the policy on masters’ degrees to the council with recommendations for reconsideration in several areas. The council made several changes but the issue of second masters’ degrees was left open for consideration in fall 2011. The primary issue is whether to freely permit, permit in limited situations, or forbid except in the case of approved programs, students to pursue two masters’ degrees simultaneously.

We began discussion on changes to the Discontinuance policy, particularly how to handle program suspensions; we anticipate sending a revised policy to the senate in fall 2011.