

To: Dan O'Connor, Chair, Academic Senate CSULB

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

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Annual Report of the Curriculum and Educational Policies Council, 2011-12

ACTIVITIES COMPLETED DURING ACADEMIC YEAR 2011-12

New, Changes To, and Discontinuances of Programs

1. Discontinue the MFA in Dramatic Writing offered by the Department of Film and Electronic Arts through the Theatre Department. Review the report of the discontinuance study panel and consider effects on the university and other programs. Recommended to the senate on October 12 2011.
2. Create a new professional Master of Science degree in Geographic Information Science in the Department of Geography. Recommended to the senate on October 12 2011.
3. Change the name of the BS in Hospitality Foodservice and Hotel Management to Hospitality Management in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences Recommended to the senate on October 26 2011.
4. Discontinue the Certificate in Foodservice Systems Administration in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. Recommended to the senate on October 26 2011.
5. Discontinue the Radiation Therapy option in the BS in Health in the Department of Health Science. Recommended to the senate on November 9 2011.
6. Create a new BFA in Theatre Arts with options in Acting and Theatre of Engagement and discontinue the performance option in the BA in Theatre Arts in the Department of Theatre Arts. Recommended to the senate on November 30 2011.
7. Create a new Minor in Finance in the Department of Finance. Recommended to the senate on February 8 2012.
8. Create a new Educational Specialist Degree in School Psychology (EdS), Pupil Personnel Services Credential: School Psychology Option (PPS) in the Department of Advanced Studies in Education and Counseling. Recommended to the senate on March 14 2012.
9. Discontinue the minor in Business Economics in the Department of Economics. Recommended to the senate on April 11 2012.
10. Create a new certificate in Nursing Education in the School of Nursing. Recommended to the senate on April 25 2012.
11. Create a new minor in Queer Studies in the Department of Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies. Recommended to the senate on April 25 2012.

12. Create a new interdisciplinary minor in Global Migration Studies in CLA. Recommended to the senate on April 25 2012.

Changes to the names of academic units

1. Change the name of the Department of Art to the School of Art. Recommended to the senate on March 14 2012.

Revisions to charges of committees and councils

1. Revise the charge document for the International Education Committee. Recommended to the senate on November 30 2011.
2. Make minor revisions to the Council charge document following recommendations of the senate executive committee. Recommended to the senate on February 8 2012.

Revisions to existing and development of new university policy statements

1. Revise the Master's policy following senate recommendations and include a concurrent master's option. Recommended to the senate on February 8 2012.
3. Revise the Final Course Grades policy. Recommended to the senate on February 8 2012.
4. Revise the Multisection policy following suggestions from the senate executive committee. Recommended to the senate on February 8 2012.
5. Revise the GVAR policy. Recommended to the senate on May 9 2012.

Annual Reports of Committees that Report to the Council

1. Academic Appeals Committee - Reviewed and accepted 14 September 2011.
2. Grade Appeals Committee - Reviewed and accepted 14 September 2011.
3. International Education Committee - Reviewed and accepted 14 September 2011.
4. University Library Committee - Reviewed and accepted 14 September 2011.
5. General Education Governing Committee – Reviewed and accepted 14 September 2011.
6. Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement Committee - Reviewed and accepted 14 September 2011.

7. Teacher Preparation Committee - Reviewed and accepted 14 September 2011.

Appointment of Liaisons or Members to University Committees and the Senate

1. Academic Senate - Christopher Brazier - 14 September 2011.
2. Academic Appeals Committee – Kent Merrifield - 28 September 2011.
3. General Education Governing Committee – Connie Ireland - 14 September 2011.
4. Grade Appeals Committee – Tiffany Sum - 14 September 2011.
5. International Education Committee – Nathan Jensen - 14 September 2011.
6. Teacher Preparation Committee – Huong Nguyen - 14 September 2011.
7. University Library Committee – Khue Duong - 14 September 2011.
8. Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement Committee – Nathan Jensen - 14 September 2011.

General Education Course List Supplements

1. Approved Supplement 66 on 5 December 2011.
2. Approved Supplement 67 on 3 April 2012.
3. Approved Supplement 68 on 1 May 2012.
4. Approved Supplement 69 on 9 May 2012.

Course Approvals

1. Approved CHE 531/431, CHE 532/432, CHE533/433 on September 29 2011.
2. Approved UHP101, UHP201, UHP301, UHP401I on Feb 8 2012.

General Overview

The council completed action on several policies that had been returned to it by the senate or senate executive committee for further consideration. This process proved beneficial resulting in significant improvements to the policies and fairly rapid senate approval with few changes once the policies were resubmitted to the senate. The most notable was the master's policy which had been held over from the previous year's council. The remaining issue was whether to freely permit, permit in limited situations, or forbid except in the case of approved programs, students to pursue two master's degrees simultaneously. The council eventually developed a policy allowing programs to set up joint master's as well as students to pursue this option independently if both programs approved. In considering this we realized that the new concept

was really concurrent master's and that the existing option for students to pursue a second master's degree as they were ending their first should remain. The multisection policy which had been placed on hold by the senate while a policy on standard course outlines was developed was amended to include small changes recommended by senate exec. The council charge document which had been submitted several years earlier was amended to reflect changes that had occurred in the interim.

The major policy document considered was a complete revision of the existing GVAR policy prepared by the GVAR committee. The main feature was replacing the existing WPE with the GVAR placement examination (GPE) and developing different pathways depending on student performance on the GPE. There was significant discussion on alternatives to the GPE as well as timelines and requirements for the pathways. The council approved several changes to the draft and recommended the policy to the senate at its last meeting of 2011/12.

We made some minor changes to the grading policy to clarify what penalties can be used in the event of cheating and clarifying what students must be told in the syllabus. A revised charge for the International Education Committee was approved with small changes from the IEC draft.

We reviewed a large number of discontinuance and new program requests and eventually recommended all to the senate for approval. Most were found to be acceptable as presented but some, notably the minor in finance, required some modification.

Unfinished Business

We did not have time to consider changes to the Discontinuance policy, particularly how to handle program suspensions; this will be the main policy to be considered by the council in fall 2012.