Academic Preparation and Education Programs (APEP) Committee

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Members:
Jacinta Amaral, Fresno, Modern and Classical Languages and Literature
Harold Goldwhite, ERFA, Los Angeles, Chemistry
Kathleen Kaiser, Chico, Sociology
Christine Miller, Sacramento, Communication Studies
Romey Sabalius, San Jose, Foreign Languages
Steven Stepanek, Chair, Northridge, Computer Science
Jim Wheeler, Vice Chair, Maritime, Chemistry

(note: members present indicated in bold typeface)

Guests:
Beverly Young - Office of the Chancellor
Barbara Swerkes - Executive Committee Liaison
Allison Jones – Office of the Chancellor
Mark Van Selst – Executive Committee

1. Welcome, Call to Order: Chair Steven Stepanek called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

2. The Agenda (as revised) was approved.

3. The minutes from the February 20, 2009 meeting were approved as amended.
   http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/apep/documents/apep_minutes_Feb09.pdf

4. Announcements:
   4.1 Steven Stepanek - CSU Northridge is hosting the 24 Annual International Technology & Persons with Disabilities Conference this week – LAX venue.

   4.2 Chris Miller described a glitch in graduate student loan deferments, to wit: while theses are being completed and students are technically not enrolled in any course, (therefore, technically not enrolled at a CSU campus), their loans become due and payable.

5. Chair’s report: Steven Stepanek – Executive Committee - UC has major concerns about the CSU’s current contemplation of offering a doctoral degree in nursing.

6. Administrative Reports
   6.1 Allison Jones, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs – time certain 1:00 p.m.

7. Liaison Reports
   7.1 Admissions Advisory Council (AAC) – Steven Stepanek, Jacinta Amaral, Kathleen Kaiser – Has not met meeting date with BOARS to be set by BOARS.

   7.2 California Academic Partnership Program (CAPP) – Kathleen Kaiser, Jacinta Amaral –
Meeting on May 29, search committee meets March 25 to interview candidates.

7.3 California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) – (Mark O’Shea) – no report submitted by Mark O’Shea; Beverly Young reported that the CCTC meets every other month last meeting March 4. New standards for special education programs are being developed. Practicalities of alternate routes to secondary school subject matter preparation competency verification in English has been an area of concern and activity; science subject matter preparation competency is immediately on the horizon. Program approval vs. CSET exam goes to the heart of the issue. Program approval is maddeningly slow, so why submit for program approval, since passage of the CSET is straightforward.

7.4 CCC – CSU Transfer Advisory Committee – Kathleen Kaiser – No notice of meeting or committee process.

7.5 California Postsecondary Education Committee (CPEC) – Kathleen Kaiser – Committee met on March 10th. New Executive Director seems to be a potentially collaborative individual. CPEC is taking a positive stand on Transfer AA legislation. Focus of much of the meeting on reducing dropout rates and the need for remediation in college bound high school students.

7.6 Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Policy Advisory Committee – Christine Miller – Committee has not met, but the work group for the committee has met their work focus was web-based interface and MERLOT. CDIP applications (96) will be reviewed by the Application Review Board on April 8.

7.7 CSU Doctorate in Education Advisory Committee – has not met.

7.8 Early Assessment Program (EAP) Advisory Committee – Jim Wheeler – EAP is being pushed for inclusion in the California High School API on multiple fronts (Allison Jones).


7.10 Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL) Board – Harold Goldwhite – deferred.

7.11 Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS) and Intersegmental Coordinating Committee (ICC) – Kathleen Kaiser – has not met.

7.12 Lower Division Transfer Patterns (LDTP) Steering Committee and Advisory Committee – Steven Stepanek – Steering Advisory Committee to meet April 8 or 9.

7.13 Other - CSBA update (Kathleen Kaiser) – May 19, 2009 California budget election may well have a devastating effect on K-12 education.

8. Updates/Ongoing Business


8.2 Fiscal & Government Affairs has crafted a resolution “Concerns with Legislation on Career Technical Education (CTE);” our co-sponsorship may be in the offing.

8.3 AA/APEP Resolution on Joint UC, CSU, CCC task force on improving transfers The new
joint UC, CSU, CCC task force on improving transfers (possible joint resolution with AA) – 1:00 pm (time certain) – resolution is probably premature.

8.4 Discussions with Barbara Swerkes regarding outcomes from March 17, 2009. Time certain: 1:00 p.m. Both Mark Van Selt and Allison Jones may join the discussion. Three elements to the LDTP: LDTP Advisory Group (CSU and CCC); LDTP Steering Committee (CSU); LDTP Work Group (CSU and CCC and Articulation Officers from the CCC. Senate to Senate meeting occurred yesterday and the “Work Group” no longer exists, rather, there is now to be an expanded LDTP Advisory Group. Lack of parallelism between CSU native student preparation and CCC transfer student preparation for a given major ended up being a sticking point. Contemplation of a division of course evaluation and articulation issues structurally and functionally is occurring.

8.5 Troops to College update (Allison Jones) - Executive Order 1040 (Admission by Exception of Military Service-members and Veterans of Military Service) was discussed as was Admission of Active Duty Military Personnel and Veterans – a program established by the Chancellor that allows for admission of active duty military personnel or recently severed veterans who do not meet CSU admission requirements in any way, to be admitted by special admit dispensation based upon letters of recommendation and a “global view” of their background and personal history. Up to five “special admits” per campus are allowed under the AADMP&V program.

Allison also alerted the committee to:
AB 440 – Legislation introduced in February calling for the establishment of a Transfer AA Degree. The CCC is adamantly against this bill. And,

SB 147 - Which would require that the CSU accept any CTE course submitted for entrance to the CSU if that course was approved by the State Board of Education for area “g” in the “a-g” college preparation curriculum. note: this “approval process” would establish an alternative process to the single BOARS/UC process currently established under law.

9. New Business
9.1 Loan deferrals for Masters Degree candidates with culminating experience in progress.

9.2 SB 147

10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.