

Academic Preparation and Education Programs Committee

Friday, October 16, 2009
9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Conference Call

MINUTES

*Members and guests/liaisons joining the conference call meeting indicated in **bold***

Members:

Bob Buckley, Chair, Sacramento, Computer Science

Jim Wheeler, Vice Chair, Maritime, Chemistry

Jacinta Amaral, Fresno, Spanish

Otto Benavides, Fresno, Curriculum and Instruction

Harold Goldwhite, Cal State LA, Chemistry, Emeritus & Retired Faculty Association

Kathleen Kaiser, Chico, Sociology

Judith Lessow-Hurley, San José, Elementary Education

Christine Miller, Sacramento, Communication Studies

Saeed Monemi, Pomona, Electrical and Computing Engineering

Steven Stepanek, Northridge, Computer Science

Guests / Liaisons:

Beverly Young, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Teacher Education and Public Schools Programs

Zee Cline - on behalf of Dr. Beverly Young, AVC, Teacher Education and Public Schools Programs

Allison Jones, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Student Academic Support

Jim Blackburn, Director, Enrollment Management Services

Barbara Swerkes, ASCUS Executive Committee

1. Open Forum: Kathy Kaiser noted that there seemed to be no systemwide or campus level communications identifying those LDTP majors that have LDTP identified 6 units of common lower division core courses.
2. The agenda was approved with a minor reordering of topics.
3. The minutes from our September 10-11, 2009 meeting were approved as amended. (http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/apep/documents/apep_minutes_Sept_2009.pdf).
4. Response to approved CTE legislation (agenda attachment: SB147_CTE_law.doc). Steven Stepanek indicated that the legislation is not clear as to the specific obligations of the CSU and that legal council advice will be needed. The law states that faculty of the CSU shall develop criteria for identifying career technical education courses that will satisfy completion of the general education elective course requirement for admission to the CSU. Approval of criteria must be approved by the ASCSU and submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Jim, Kathy and Steven agreed to prepare a draft resolution for the meeting on November 5th that would identify the issue and call for a task force to be constituted to develop a plan of the work required to develop the criteria.

5. Identification of K-12 Recommendations that could significantly increase reading/writing and math proficiency rates of graduating high school seniors (Bob Buckley)

Background: Such recommendations have been made in an ad hoc manner ever since the implementation of EAP and these discussions have continued among members of the Early Start Task Force, the presentation to the Board of Trustees by State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Jack O'Connell. The committee was provided with a copy of O'Connell's presentation: AchGap_OConnell.ppt

It was suggested that Phil Garcia may have some data related to the assessment of EAP efforts. In addition, Bob will contact the co-author of the research conducted on the effectiveness of EAP.

Bob and Jim agreed to prepare a draft resolution for the meeting on November 5th.

6. Support for legislation to authorize CSU to offer a Doctor or Physical Therapy (DPT) degree. This issue was brought to the Committee by colleagues from CSU-Sacramento. The request was to prepare a resolution, similar in intent to the resolution in support of legislation authorizing CSU to offer a Doctorate in Nursing. Chris and Bob will take the lead in preparing the draft for the November 5th meeting.
7. Research on changes to admissions requirements and impact in the CSU. Concern was expressed over the apparent lack of consultation with faculty regarding at a number of campuses enrollment management decisions aimed at reducing enrollments. Cited specifically was the controversy over SDSU's decision to not guarantee enrollment of SDSU area high school students who have met the requirements for entry. This issue has been reported in the local news media and has a quite negative response from the San Diego Joint Unified School District. Enrollment management policy requires campuses to have a "presidential advisory group", which should "include faculty, students, administrators, representatives of educational institutions from the campus's local region, and local community leaders representing broad community interests."

Steve indicated this issue is an item on the agenda for the next Admission Advisory Committee meeting. A resolution calling for a more strategic and consultative approach to the enrollment "downsizing" that is under way will be considered at the committee's meeting on November 5th.

The link to a copy of the CSU Enrollment Management Policy and Practices was provided to the committee. http://www.calstate.edu/acadres/docs/CSU_Enroll_Mngment_Policy_Practices.pdf

8. Brief Early State Task Force: update and reaction to draft action plan Framework and Goals (Bob)
Bob provided an update on the deliberations of the Early Start Task Force and the issues being discussed. Discussion included the issue of the cost to students of enrolling in early start programs. The programs would be offered through continuing education at state support rates. Concern was expressed over the ability of students to afford this extra cost even though the expectation is that an early start would reduce the amount of time to graduation. More information will be provided as the recommendations to the Board are more specifically defined.
9. Brief update on efforts to revise the scope of the LDTP project. Steven discussed the outcomes of two meetings he attended; one with Community College representative and discussion of the merger of LDTP and C-ID, and the other with the LDTP Steering Committee. Progress in the redesign of LDTP was described as quite positive. The LDTP project has evolved from an admission guarantee into more of an advisement tool, since shrinking budgets, enrollment management issues and attendant impact are an ongoing reality for CSU admissions. Work on LDTP / TCSU course review has, effectively, come to a (permanent) halt. The TCSU courses will be merged with the C-ID courses.
10. Brief update of APEP member liaison assignments

California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) – Judith Lessow-Hurley indicated that the CTC meeting produced nothing significant to report.

Early Assessment Program (EAP) Advisory Committee – Jim Wheeler indicated that this committee has not met although there was some indication the Chancellor’s Office folks were meeting over EAP issues.

General Education Advisory Committee – Jim Wheeler indicated that the Committee will meet next week.

Lower Division Transfer Patterns (LDTP) Steering Committee – Steven Stepanek report was included in agenda item 9.

11. FYI Materials.

Provided by Zee Cline after the September 10th meeting.

Clarification Regarding Executive Order 802: Special Sessions, Jeri Echeverria September 2nd Memo

Crossing the Finish Line (article from <http://press.princeton.edu/titles/8971.html>)

A Different Kind of College Rankings, Washington Monthly (16 pages)

Persistent Challenges and Paths Forward: Achievement in Ca. 2009 (14 pages)

12. The meeting was adjourned at 10: 45 a.m.