

Academic Preparation and Education Programs (APEP) Committee

MINUTES

Thursday, September 11, 2008

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

CSU Chancellor's Office: Room 410

Members:

Jacinta Amaral, Fresno, Foreign Languages and Literature

Marshall Cates, Los Angeles, Mathematics

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

Jennifer Zvi, Northridge, Center on Disabilities

Members present indicated in bold

Guests:

Beverly Young - Assistance Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs

Keith Boyum - Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs – CO Liaison

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Steven Stepanek, with introductions all around.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** Two new items added to DRAFT agenda
 - (a) LDTP – Community College involvement/participation
 - (b) Variable admission deadlines for international students vs. native students and,
 - (c) 8.6 moved to an earlier slot in the agenda

The agenda was approved as modified.

3. Administrative Reports:

Keith Boyum:

- (a) State budget holdup has made the CSU's position and anticipated funding in the budget more precarious. Many system-wide initiatives, as a result are on hold till funding either is or is not in place. The Remediation Conference (with an emphasis on best practices), however, is a high enough priority to justify not only funding and planning, but also scheduling... October 30th and 31st. Community College colleagues will be important participants. Both Laurie Ross and Ted Lucas will be centrally involved in the planning and ultimately, the execution.
- (b) Troops to College initiative is aggressively underway – outreach is an important element.
- (c) The Bus Tour (a vehicle for under-represented student population outreach) is ongoing with Chancellor Reed and others directly involved.
- (d) Community College System continues to be intransigent with respect to any support for the LDTP effort.

- (e) Enrollment management – System-wide we are approximately 11,000 over target, which is problematic both short-term and long-term... SFR implications are not good; legislative analysts position is if the System manages to handle this overload without additional funding, then, presently and in the future, this “underfunded” level of funding must be adequate.
- (f) There is no longer a printed admissions applications provided to the public by the CSU – the CSU Mentor portal (online application tool) has been outstanding.
- (g) Health Professions Advisors – 1st ever convening of campus-based health professions advisors is occurring: LA area this past week, Oakland this week.

Beverly Young:

- (a) The California Department of Education approved 8th-Grade Algebra Initiative and the recently crafted 8th grade general mathematics achievement assessment test are at odds. The mandatory algebra for all 8th graders initiative will probably be put on hold – indefinitely.
- (b) Math Specialist Credential Program concept may become more viable over the short run – funding is always the choke point.

4. (Reordered 8.6) Proposal from last Spring that the Committee submit a proposal to participate in the California School Board Annual Conference, subject would be the Early Assessment Program (EAP); deadline was June 2008; was followed up by Kathleen Kaiser. In light of the State’s 8th-grade Algebra Initiative our participation could be

4. Approval of the Minutes from May 7, 2008 – approved as submitted.

http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/a pep/documents/a pep_minutes_may08.pdf

6. Announcements:

Marshall Cates reported that the ICAS Mathematics Competency Expectations for Entering Freshmen statement, last revised in 1998, is being revisited – all three systems are involved.

7. Chair’s Report from Executive Committee meetings: Steven Stepanek

Chair Stepanek reported on goings on from the morning’s meeting with the Executive Committee:

- (a) November meeting structure will be revised: Committees will meet Wednesday morning and all day Thursday; plenary sessions will be Wednesday afternoon and Friday... due to a conflict with events scheduled by the Chancellor.
- (b) Executive Orders 1033 (GE Breadth) and 1036 have been signed and now apply, systemwide
- (c) Career Technical Education (CTE) representatives continue to push for A-G course credit for courses historically called Industrial Arts courses – the details of how this will play out are in the making. And ad hoc committee to stay abreast of developments is being formed; Kathy Kaiser will be APEP’s representative to this committee.

8. Liaison Reports

Admissions Advisory Council (AAC) – Jacinta Amaral, Kathleen Kaiser

Senator Kaiser provided the committee with a printed report and highlighted elements of the report through commentary.

California Academic Partnership Program (CAPP) – Kathleen Kaiser, Jacinta Amaral – report deferred

California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) – Report forwarded by Mark O’Shea
CCC – CSU Transfer Advisory Committee – Kathleen Kaiser – report deferred.

California Postsecondary Education Committee (CPEC) – Kathleen Kaiser – CPEC has been

looking into the recent California BA/MA earning population and the jobs in areas germane to specific BA's or MA's... the correlation is not good.

Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Policy Advisory Committee - Christine Miller – no recent meeting, however the Systemwide Selection Committee met last year and provided guidance to a large number of applicants.

CSU Doctorate in Education Advisory Committee – Jennifer Zvi – report deferred.

Early Assessment Program (EAP) Advisory Committee – Jim Wheeler – report distributed with follow-up commentary. No meeting of the Advisory Committee is on the horizon.

General Education Advisory Committee – Jim Wheeler – first meeting of the year scheduled for October; agenda has not been distributed. International Baccalaureate Program and Examinations leading to university course credit (analogous to AP) is a carry over item from last year.

Institute for Teaching and Learning Board (ITL) – Harold Goldwhite – a new Senate co-chair will be selected later today. Assembling faculty groups on an inter-campus basis to address so-called *bottleneck* courses is a project currently occurring. Next meeting in October.

Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS) and Intersegmental Coordinating Committee (ICC) – Kathleen Kaiser – groups have not met; more to follow.

Lower Division Transfer Patterns (LDTP) Steering Committee and Advisory Committee – Steven Stepanek – news letter distributed; comments solicited from Marshall Cates: campus approvals of course descriptors (requiring $\frac{3}{4}$ of campuses in support) in all areas are both underway and difficult to attain. *Anatomy and Physiology* course descriptor was deferred to biology faculty, who placed a biology-prerequisite on the descriptor. This has become an issue... more to follow. No physics descriptors seem to be in the works.

9. Old Business

- (a) Review of APEP Responsibilities – page 6 of ASCSU Bylaws
http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/About_the_Senate/bylaws.pdf
- (b) Review of 2007-2008 TEKR/APEP Annual Report
http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Committees/apep/documents/apep_annualrept_2007-08.pdf
- (c) Troops to College Initiative
- (d) Campus based enrollment data for programs offered by Colleges and Schools of Education
- (e) California P-16 Council: “Closing the Achievement Gap”; CSU’s participation and role; note the Council’s Mission is “To develop, implement, and sustain a specific, ambitious plan that holds the State of California accountable for creating the conditions necessary for closing the achievement gap.” – it was agreed that staying attuned to developments in this area is a positive posture for the Committee.

10. New Business

- (a) Initiatives APEP wishes to consider during 2008-09
 - (1) Establishing some degree of liaison with the CSU’s Education Deans Council.
- (b) LDTP Project Issues – Community College involvement and/or enthusiasm has been minimal at best. The philosophy of the CSU from the inception of efforts in support of the LDTP was and has been accepting of this eventuality. The CCC is now specifically non-supportive of the LDTP project. Is there a way to foster greater cooperation between the CSU and the CCC in this area during 2009? Two scenarios present: either collaboration, or legislative intrusion. Absent collaboration, the good work of the past four years by countless CSU faculty and administrative colleagues could very well be flushed away. Presently, an invitation to greater participation and collaboration is being crafted. Extensive discussion ensued.
A resolution encouraging both participation and collaboration by CCC Faculty colleagues in the LDTP development effort was crafted.

11. Adjournment