

**Academic Preparation and Education Programs (APEP) Committee**  
May 7th, 2008 Interim Meeting

**Minutes**

Office of the Chancellor: Room 410 – 10:00 a.m.

**Members Present:**

Otto Benavides, Fresno, Curriculum and Instruction - via conference call  
Bob Buckley, Chair, Sacramento, Computer Science  
Calvin Caplan, East Bay, Kinesiology and Physical Education  
Kathleen Kaiser, Chico, Sociology  
Barbara Swerkes, Northridge, Kinesiology  
Jim Wheeler, Vice Chair, Maritime, Chemistry

**Ex Officio:**

Dr. Beverly Young, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Teacher Education and Public School Programs

**Guests:**

Catherine Nelson, Executive Committee Liaison

**Meeting began at 10:15 a.m.**

**1. Open Forum**

- a. Barbara Swerkes briefed the committee on a proposal to modify the Lower Division Transfer Patterns (LDTP) Course Review process. Both recruitment and attrition related to course reviewers and time delays in the approval of courses submitted for approval have proven to be problematic. A proposal originating within the Executive Committee (B. Pasternack) under consideration would place responsibility for certifying the appropriateness of Community College courses within individual disciplines of individual Community Colleges. They, in theory, would use Online Services for Curriculum Articulation Review (OSCAR), which would incorporate a "check-off list" for all courses to affect these reviews. The Committee entertained extensive discussion vis-à-vis strategies for improving the efficacy of the LDTP. APEP and AA will meet to discuss later in the day.
- b. Kathy Kaiser commented on the Admissions Advisory Council and APEP's liaison relationship. The Council will meet at CSU Fullerton next month. In addition, Kathy discussed the Troops to College Initiative; the impacts of the proposed CSU fee increases.

**2. The agenda was approved as formulated.**

**3. The minutes of our April 4th , 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.**

**4. Report by Chair Buckley of the Agenda Setting meeting of the Executive Committee and Standing Committee Chairs:**

A first reading item (with waiver request) related to IT Security and Policy, System-wide, and an Acceptable Use Policy will be forthcoming. The CH<sub>2</sub>M Hill consulting firm was hired by the Office of the Chancellor to draft policies and standards documents, which will eventually be approved and translated/conveyed to campuses in the form of an Executive Order. There is little evidence of any recognized need for oversight, the potential for infringements in areas affecting academic freedom and processes to deal with IT decisions that adversely affect faculty and staff. The resolution will request that the policies and standards be thoroughly vetted by the faculty of the CSU, including the ASCSU, ATAC and appropriate representative groups on individual campuses.

**1:00 – 2:00 p.m. The Committee met with the Academic Affairs committee to discuss LDTP and the proposal to facilitate the course approval process.**

**5. Report/Update from the Office of the Chancellor (Dr. Beverly Young):**

- a. Dr. Young reported on her panel presentation at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) conference in New Orleans. She discussed the CSU's work in teacher performance evaluation (TPA and PACT).
- b. Funding for TPA or PACT implementation. Dr. Young reported that legislative staffers indicated that a one-year delay made sense but the Governor desires to get the program(s) underway. Indications are that funds may be made available on a one-time basis being provided by the State from a federal source.
- c. Legislative update: **SB 1186 (Scott)** Teacher Education (Scott); Exemption of teacher candidates from the CBEST requirement based satisfactory scores on the SAT, ELM, EAP, or EPT. **SB 2517 (Portantino)** Ostensibly to meet the teacher shortage, this bill allows for teacher credential programs to be offered by any and all entities so long as programs meet CCTC Standards.
- d. State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Jack O'Connell, is anticipating doing outreach to College and University Education Deans to examine issues related to the *Achievement Gap*.

**6. Update on ICAS approved participation with UC and Community Colleges related to updates of the mathematics competency statements (Marshall):**

No meeting has occurred - possibly in June a group (once identified) will get together. Three math representatives from each of the three systems will meet. At this point, the math chairs on respective campuses are in the dark concerning the intent of this effort and are not supportive of this undertaking.

**7. Final review of Second Reading resolutions:**

AS-2849-08/APEP Assessment of EAP Performance and Consideration of Future Support: revisions were made to address the constructive recommendations from Senate colleagues at the resolution's first reading.

AS-2847-08/APEP Commendation for Campus Success on Remediation Efforts at the

Campus Level: revisions were made to address the constructive recommendations from Senate colleagues at the resolution's first reading.

8. **The following potential resolution topics were deferred for consideration by the 2008-2009 APEP Committee:**

- a. Liaison with the CSU Admissions Advisory Council
- b. Campus based enrollment data for programs offered by Colleges and Schools of Education
- c. California P-16 Council: "Closing the Achievement Gap"; CSU's participation and role and 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."

9. **Updates/Ongoing Business**

Chair Buckley discussed the California School Board Annual Conference and the Committee's intent (as expressed in the fall) to submit a proposal to participate in the conference. The closing date for submitting proposals is in June. Kathy Kaiser was asked to follow-up and to find out if there is sufficient time to submit a proposal. The subject would be the Early Assessment Program (EAP).

10. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.