The Academic Preparation and Education Program Committee
Approved Minutes
Friday, February 20, 2015
Virtual Meeting Conducted via Conference Call

Called to Order at 11:00 am by Chair Denise Fleming

Present: Denise Fleming, Chair (East Bay), David Barsky, Vice Chair (San Marcos), Kevin Baaske (Los Angeles), Glen Brodowsky (San Marcos), Sandra Chong (Northridge), Sue Holl (Sacramento), Kathleen Kaiser (Chico), J. Ken Nishita (Monterey Bay)

Liaisons: Julie Chisholm (Maritime Academy), Executive Committee Liaison Beverly Young, Assistant Vice Chancellor: Teacher Education and Public School Programs

1. Agenda. Motion to approve. (Holl/Barsky). Approved by general consent.

2. Minutes of January 21, 2015. Motion to approve. (Baaske/Holl). Approved by general consent. Following past practice, committee members were asked to submit requests for any additional changes within the next week or so, they should contact Chair Fleming and Vice-Chair Barsky by email. [No such requests had been received by the time of the preparation of the February minutes in mid-March.]

3. Chair’s Report.
   o We have received several wonderful comments for our work in developing the resolution on Title II changes that was approved at the January Plenary. Among those who have thanked the committee are Beverly Young, Joan Bissell, Kevin Kumashiro and several CSU Deans of Education.
   o Chair Fleming, Kathy Kaiser, and others have helped to widely distribute an Open Letter to Congress and the Obama administration endorsing an NEPC policy memo by Kevin Welner and Bill Mathis on “Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act: Time to Move Beyond Test-Focused Policies” (http://nepc.colorado.edu/publication/esea). APEP members are encouraged to sign the petition and to get any additional signatures. On-line signatures need to be made by today!
   o The Chair expressed a desire to find ways to be more proactive, rather than responsive, to legislation and Department of Education policies that affect K-12 education and teacher education programs. The committee weighed the possibility of an APEP resolution outlining basic principles that we believe should guide those who develop or legislate policies. Discussion included the following issues and considerations:
     o The judicial decision (under appeal) striking down tenure.
Problems in the tenure process; districts effectively only have 18 months to make what is effectively a permanent decision. Districts might be better served by having a longer tenure decision process, like the one in universities.

We need to be able to back up any assertions with compelling evidence that is not anecdotal and self-serving.

Funding uncertainty at the district level means that districts often find themselves having to make policy decisions before they know their budgets.

Perhaps one reason that we seem to continually be responding to various initiatives is that foundations with money are effective at persuading key decision-makers that they’ve got the answers to all of the problems in education.

Congress is looking at the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) re-authorization right now. Perhaps we should be hosting a CSU response to the ESEA reauthorization.

We should talk with Beverly Young about how best to reach out and work with CTC.

If our audience is the legislature, perhaps we should be teaming up with FGA; FGA was notified in Extended Executive Committee that APEP would be discussing this.

Chair Fleming suggested that APEP consider this to have been a preliminary discussion. If we end up going the route of preparing a position statement there are two think-tank reports that we can draw upon:

- Kumashiro’s Review of Proposed 2015 Federal Teacher Preparation Regulations, and
- Welner and Mathis Policy Memo

Action item: Circulate the on-line petition while signatures can still be added (today only).

4. Short Discussion on Potential BA/BS at Community Colleges.

As yet, APEP members don’t know how duplicative the community college proposals really are. One member expressed a concern that if all but one proposal is seen as duplicative, that may undermine the credibility of the CSU. If the legislature expands this pilot program, there are, in addition to the 15 proposed programs, another 19 proposals lined up behind them.

It is likely that the legislature is looking to these programs as a solution to the problem of the 34,000 CSU-eligible denied students, though another member pointed out that this figure is misleading because it includes students who only applied to impacted campuses. APEP members wonder, given the reports that community colleges are bursting at the seams, whether they really have capacity to offer these programs.
5. **Liaison Reports.**
   - **Kathy Kaiser:**
     i. The Chancellor’s Office has released Executive Order 1100 on General Education. It now requires a minimum grade of C in all of the Golden Four courses.
     ii. AB 386: Beginning with Fall 2015, this will include on-line graduate courses. Are our teacher-education faculty aware of this?
   - **Sandra Chong:**
     i. The Bechtel group will be meeting next week (Wednesday, February 25) to review proposals that will allow campuses that did not receive funding in the original review of proposal to resubmit a portion of that larger proposal for funding of up to $50K. All campuses who were not given the larger awards were invited to resubmit a portion of that original proposal in this phase.
     ii. SB 148 is being revised and the Governor has already set aside $250M for CTE. Perhaps we should ask FGA to lobby for some of this funding being used to support K-16 collaborations.

6. **Executive Committee Liaison Report by Senator Julie Chisholm:**
   - ASCSU members have all received Chair Filling’s email regarding campus responses to the CCC (SB 850) baccalaureate proposals. Discussion of this issue has taken up most of the Executive Committee’s time.
   - Extended Executive Committee and FGA will be participating in Advocacy Day in Sacramento. Orientation will take place during lunch at the March Plenary.
   - FGA has asked the Executive Committee to be a signatory to the Stakeholder Budget Advocacy Effort.
   - A member of the Executive Committee will be sent to the WICHE Interstae Passport Initiative group.
   - Executive Committee has been discussing connections between Active Duty and Veterans Affairs (directed by Patrick O’Rourke) and ASCSU. Perhaps we need a liaison to this office.
   - The next big issue for Executive Committee will be Academic Freedom.
   - Executive Committee is making an appointment to the search committee for the Senior Director of Human Resources.
   - An update on the status of the system contract with Wiley. There is no system-level contract, but several campuses have been reaching their own agreements with Wiley.

7. **Liaison Report from Beverly Young, Assistant Vice Chancellor: Teacher Education and Public School Programs.**
   - **Ed.D. Update**
     o Enrollment is up by 22 over last year. There are now 412 participants from P-12, there has been a slight decrease in community college participants.
There are now 14 independent CSU Ed.D. programs
  - A 15th program, which is joint between Channel Islands and Fresno, is currently under review
  - There are also two joint Ed.D. programs with the University of California:
    - San Marcos & UC San Diego
    - Sonoma & UC Davis

AVC Young was asked about the extent to which the existence of Ed.D. programs might divert resources from undergraduate and master’s programs. Dr. Young responded that, by law, the Ed.D. programs may not detract from other campus offerings. The Ed.D. programs are money-makers for the campuses that have them.
  - An interesting issue has to do with whether employees could use fee waivers in these programs, since the fee waivers are intended to be for education that helps employees in the performance of their jobs, while the law requires that the Ed.D. programs be focused on preparing administrators for K-14.

The CSU Ed.D. is supposed to be measuring the “impact of the program,” but the program isn’t really old enough for such a measurement to be meaningful. There is an expectation, though, that most of the graduates are employed at an appropriate level in P-14.

Because APEP felt that other senators would be interested in knowing this, APEP asked for data on numbers of graduates. AVC Young referred APEP to her September 21014 report to the Board of Trustees. [Added in preparation of the minutes: The September BoT report states: “The completion rate has been high – approximately 92.5 percent. There have been more than 600 graduates to date, with 95 in 2010 and more than 110 each subsequent year.”]

Title II and ESEA Updates
  - The comment period for the proposed Title II changes closed this week. Over 4000 official responses went sent, with the overwhelming majority of these being negative. Despite this, it is possible that Secretary Duncan could choose to ignore this feedback and impose the new rules anyway. If the proposed changes are derailed, it will probably be on the grounds of the high cost.
  - One possible change coming in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) re-authorization is the Teacher Quality and ICQ grants would lose their status as specific line items and they’d be rolled into block grants. Such a change would not be good for the CSU because, as a system, we’ve been very successful in obtaining Teacher Quality and ICQ grants.

CTC
  - AVC Young reported on a recent Commission meeting. She was part of several stakeholders who persuaded the CTC not to change a section having to do with how the eight major stakeholders (the “Big Eight”)
have representatives appointed to various panels. The current provisions allow the Big Eight to designate their representatives, and CTC had proposed changing its rules to allow these groups only to "nominate" representatives.

- The Big Eight are:
  - The CSU
  - The UC
  - Independent California Colleges and Universities
  - CFT (California Federation of Teachers)
  - CTA (California Teachers Association)
  - CSBA (California School Boards Association)
  - ACSA (Association of California School Administrators)
  - CCSESA (California County Superintendents Educational Services Associations)

Although CTC will still allow the Big Eight to name their own representatives directly, it has countered by removing funding for these representatives to travel to the panel meetings.

- Kathy Kaiser shared that something similar is happening with CSBA. CSBA is no longer reimbursing individuals (or their school districts) for travel to attend CSBA meetings as district representatives.

  - AVC Young also reported that the CTC had reviewed an application for an “eminence credential.” Only 23 such credentials have ever been granted, but the issue of whether “eminence credentials” should be granted in the future is now under discussion. AVC Young expressed her concern with the practice of granting such credentials.

8. **Adjournment.** APEP adjourned at 1:32 pm, Friday, February 20.

Respectfully submitted,

David Barsky, Vice Chair, APEP