UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DAVIS ACADEMIC SENATE

UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, May 2, 2012
410 Mrak Hall
10:00 – 11:50 am

SUMMARY

Attending: Jon Rossini (Chair), Janet Roser, Maggie Morgan, Pat Turner, Barbara Noble, Diana Strazdes, Jeffrey Williams, Colin Carter, Elias Lopez, Pat Farrell, Victoria Cross, Matthew Traxler, Carl Whithaus.

I. Announcements and Information Items

a) Approval of 4-19-12 UGC Summary* Opened for discussion and review. Motioned and seconded for acceptance as written. Passed by unanimous vote.

b) Chair Report

a. Executive Council. Special report coming out.

b. Status of ENWS rationale. To be in front of EC this coming Friday. Can Jeffrey Williams stand in for JR at the Representative Assembly meeting on June 8? JW agrees.

c. Adding and or correcting transcript notations. UGC can do this. JR summarized email he received from G.J. Mattey, Chair of the CERJ. [G.J. Mattey, Chair of CERJ, emailed Chair Rossini that the UGC has the power to "exercise authority" on matters pertaining to undergraduate student transcripts and may direct the Office of the Registrar to annotate transcripts with respect to emphasis in a major.]

Discussion of emphases on transcripts. A.K.A. tracks, concentrations, emphasis, specialization, plan. UGC to work with the registrar's office to consider the feasibility of adding emphases to undergraduate transcripts and whether or not any other language would be acceptable. The current plan is, pending confirmation from the Registrar's office as to the feasibility of notating emphases, to advise departments that all emphases will appear on transcripts and to encourage them to make sure any curricular subpaths (tracks, specializations, etc) are relabeled as emphases if they desire transcript notation.

d. UGC response regarding suspension of admissions to TXC.** Draft crafted by JR on behalf of the council was presented and reviewed. Then it was motioned and seconded for acceptance as written. Passed by unanimous vote. Comment that some council members thought Human and Community Development could house TXC will be brought up / mentioned in a UGC reply to the response received upon the sending forward of the original UGC response just voted on.

e. Optical Science Engineering (OSE) Discontinuation Proposal update. Going forward.

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f. Korea University Exchange Agreement comment. UGC comment sent forward. Current status of the agreement and how it came to be was recapped and summarized.
g. History Department response to UGC comments on program. This was discussed. It was commented that the response, with the exception of one paragraph, which was pointed out, was the original statement of the Department Chair that was included in the Department report that was submitted to UIPR for review.

II. Time Sensitive Items

a) Report on Proposed Insect Biology Undergraduate Honors Research Program** – Strazdes. The documents that Diana Strazdes had produced on this topic were presented and reviewed. DS listed alternate names for "Honors Program." It was suggested that the department at the center of the proposed IBUHRP wants to attach special honors to the diploma. If the proposal passes as currently described, then other departments will want to do the same. Suggestions posed by DS, with the additional mention of the misappropriation/misuse of DHC language and the attempt to make the reference and its use correct, were motioned and seconded to move forward on. Passed by unanimous vote.
b) Davis Honors Challenge discussion. Request to change DHC 195 to something other than "Honors" approved. Request will be sent to James Shackelford, Chair, DHC. Resolution unanimously approved.
c) Recommendations governing Honors Program discussed. Decision to have DS edit and then submit to JR document outlining honors program requirement that will be sent to Chairs of the FEC's for discussion and response. The consensus of the council was that JR and DS are to draft and polish and send forward, on behalf of the UGC, a response.
d) BOARS Proposal on Transfer Admissions.** JR summarized the proposal and its outcomes. JR to write that UGC is comfortable with proposal.
e) Human and Community Development Name Change Request Proposal.** UGC supported this proposal. Passed unanimously.
f) Undergraduate Tuition Allocation – Version 3.** JR warns the UGC membership about paying attention to this kind of thing—to make sure that there is no poaching of funding streams. JR suggested UGC comment that reinforces the "ideals" and supports the "should-nots" contained in the UTA – Versions 3. There was comment and agreement that this was going down to the deans. Having FEC members at budget meetings with deans was put forward. Transparency was said to be a maintained and enforced goal. Provost allocations.
g) Cluster #3 CLAS Teaching Program Reports and Summaries. Invite L&S Dean Owens and L&S Associate Dean McClain to the next UGC meeting to get an overview of Cluster 3.
    a. Communications.** Tabled until next UGC meeting, but briefly summarized.
    b. East Asian Studies.** Motioned, seconded, and by unanimous vote accepted and approved to move forward.
    c. Jewish Studies.** Would cross listing of the courses help in distributing approval authority and decision making? Minors are reported one quarter before graduation. Why is this program, since it is a minor, being reviewed? Data available for majors, particularly from the Office of Resource Management and Planning Budget and Institutional Analysis, is not available, but other information is available (e.g. teaching

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evaluations). Should this be moved over to Special Academic Programs? The review should be done as per the 7 year cycle because it provides valuable information and potentially valuable information. **Motioned, seconded, and by unanimous vote accepted and approved to move forward.**

d. Linguistics.** Tabled until next UGC meeting, but briefly summarized.

III. Committee Reports

- General Education (GE) – Maggie Morgan No report. Report promised for next UGC meeting.
- Preparatory Education (Prep Ed) – Christina Drake No report. Drake not in attendance.
- Special Academic Programs (SAP) – Diana Strazdes (See II.a-c above.)
- Undergraduate Instruction & Program Review (UIPR) – Carl Whithaus (See II.g. above.)
- University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP) – Jon Rossini No report.
- Streamlining the Curricular Review and Approval Process – Susan Keen No report. Keen not in attendance.

IV. New Business

- Update on A+ Grade Based on Data Provided by the Office of the Registrar. Elias Lopez distributed a one sheet handout of data and summarized it. JR asked if the data changes the UGC's response to the A+ grade discussion and intended response as recorded at the last UGC meeting (i.e. make notation on transcript regarding the number of A+ grades achieved or A+ grade GPA, or make no notation).

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