

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2023

PRESENT: L. Mangolini, Chair; A. Litt, Vice Chair; E. Schwitzgebel, UCEP Rep.; W. Beyermann; M. Casselman; W. Chen; E. Goodman; P. Gorecki; K. Kinney; M. Lang; S. Lapan; A. Lee; G. Stanley; C. Takeshita; Z. Zhao

GUEST: E. Kozlova, GSA Student Rep.; S. Nguyen, ASUCR Student Rep.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:00AM.

The Chair informed the Committee that members have submitted new feedback to the joint Senate-Administrative Teaching Evaluation Implementation Committee's (TEIC) recommendations for student evaluations that was not previously discussed by the Committee. The Chair asked for the Committee to consider whether the new information should be included in the Committee's response. The Committee discussed how the response should be structured. The Committee discussed the new feedback received, which relates to the recommendation on Canvas based assessment of course learning outcomes and the concern that this assessment would necessitate a substantial investment of time by a large number of faculty. The Committee agreed that a clarification needs to be requested as to if Canvas based assessment is mandatory as it was unclear in the recommendations. Members of the Committee noted support for including the new feedback in the Committee's response. Members questioned if the questions proposed in the recommendations should be evaluated by the Committee as part of their response and the Committee discussed if this assessment should be completed by the Committee.

The Committee welcomed Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Elizabeth Watkins, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Brian Haynes, and Director of Strategic Initiatives and Special Projects Beth Thrush to provide an update on the Strategic Plan Initiative for the Carnegie Classification – Community Engagement. The group provided an overview of the initiative to enhance community engagement at UCR and shared that the deadline to complete the application for the Carnegie Classification is May 1, 2023. The application is being completed by a committee of campus stakeholders. VC Haynes informed CEP that a Carnegie Elective Classifications workshop will be held on March 9, 2023 that is open to the campus community on the topic of community engaged scholarship and teaching. The presenters requested CEP's feedback on the application section for curricular engagement regarding the definition for this process at UCR. Director Thrush shared that the UCR Carnegie Committee surveyed departments to learn how their curriculum included community engagement. The presenters specifically asked for CEP's feedback on the definition for Community Engagement Learning and examples of curricular engagements in the areas defined by the Committee. CEP recommended that the Carnegie Committee additionally consult with the college and school Associate Deans for Student Academic Affairs to learn more about community engagement in specific disciplines. The presenter's PowerPoint and the workshop information will be sent to the Committee by email.

The Committee voted to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2023 meeting with an edit to remove member Glenn Stanley from the list of present members.

The Committee continued their discussion on the response to the TEIC recommendations. The Committee was supportive of reviewing the recommendation's proposed evaluation questions. Committee member Sara Lapan developed a poll for members to complete to provide feedback on the proposed questions. The Committee decided to form a subcommittee to analyze the poll results and draft a report to be included in CEP's response to the TEIC's recommendations. The link to the Google poll will be sent to members by email with a request to serve on the subcommittee if interested.

The Committee welcomed the Chair of the Academic Integrity Taskforce Frank Vahid to discuss current academic integrity issues on campus. The Committee discussed the emergence of ChatGPT and Professor Vahid commented that the application is both a threat and opportunity. Professor Vahid noted the need for a permanent Academic Senate standing committee to review Academic Integrity issues and to address the changes in how students are learning. A member recommended consideration that the Vice Provost and Dean for Undergraduate Education have oversight of academic integrity issues. The Committee discussed the Student Conduct and Academic Integrity Programs (SCAIP) process on campus and how to leverage academic integrity to change instruction. Professor Vahid advocated for a Senate Committee that could assist with streamlining the academic integrity process on campus.

The Committee voted to support the proposed changes to the Procedures for Undergraduate Program Reviews to include a method for gathering feedback from non-major students that take service courses offered by programs under review.

The Committee voted to support the revised proposed changes to the B.S. in Actuarial Sciences curriculum. The curriculum change will be saved for consideration of final approval at the May 23, 2023 Division Meeting.

The agenda item for a discussion with CEP's ASUCR student representative Sean Nguyen on accommodations for students experiencing humanitarian emergencies was tabled to the Committee's April 7, 2023 meeting agenda.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:07PM.

Approved: April 7, 2023

Prepared by: Beth Beatty