

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY  
MINUTES  
APRIL 3, 2026

PRESENT: A. Ditta, Chair; G. Brewer; UCEP Rep; M. Casselman; A. Haskell; R. Khan; D. McCole; J. Meyer; D. Nagel; J. Nájera; A. Orsdemir; N. Reddy; V. Tsotras; J. Weems, Vice Chair; S. Welles; E. Stapely, Ex Officio

GUEST: C. Wang, ASUCR Rep.

ABSENT: S. Kolluri; D. Ruiz, GSA Rep.

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

The Chair informed the Committee that a request was sent to the College and School Faculty Executive Committee Chairs for their feedback on the proposed changes to the self-study requirements in the Committee's procedures for undergraduate program reviews. Additionally, the Chair updated the Committee on a request received from concerned faculty about pressure from Deans to increase class sizes.

The Committee reviewed and voted to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2026 meeting.

The Committee's representative to the University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP) gave an update on the matters discussed by UCEP at the most recent meeting.

The Committee's representative to the UCR University Committee on Academic Disruptions (UCAD) gave an update on matters discussed by UCAD.

The Chair reminded the Committee of the upcoming review of the Anthropology undergraduate program scheduled for April 9 and 10, 2026.

The Committee voted to approve the Preliminary Findings and Recommendations Report from the Political Science undergraduate program review.

The Chair informed the Committee of a request to conduct a program review of the Honors program as the proposal to establish the Honors program noted that CEP would conduct periodic reviews. The Committee discussed how the program could be reviewed, and the Chair will propose edits to the Committee's procedures for program reviews for the review of the Honors program for CEP's review at the May 1, 2026 meeting.

The Committee reviewed and voted to support the revised proposal for a B.S. in Data Science + M.S. in Statistics. The Chair will report the Committee's support to the Senate Chair.

The Committee reviewed and voted to support the revised proposal for a B.S. in Accountancy. The Chair will report the Committee's support to the Senate Chair.

The Committee reviewed and voted to support the proposed B.S. + M.S. in Robotics with the recommendation that the program clearly outline the eligibility requirements for transfer students to be admitted to the combined degree program. The Chair will report the Committee's support and recommendation to the Senate Chair.

The Committee reviewed and voted to support the proposal for a B.S. in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Public Policy with the recommendation that the School consider reducing the number of lower division requirements and collaborate with other UCR departments that offer GIS courses. The Chair will report the Committee's support and recommendations to the Senate Chair.

The Committee reviewed and voted to support the request from the Department of Comparative Literature and Languages to waive the requirement for external letters of support for the proposed Minor in Linguistics.

The Chair shared the data received from the Registrar to address the Committee's questions about Grade Delays related to the proposed Senate Regulation (SR) 01.01.01.02. The Committee discussed how SCAIP cases are processed and options for coding grade delays and if potential changes are needed to Appendix 6, which includes policy for academic integrity actions. The Chair will propose updates to SR 01.01.01.02 to clarify exceptions for GDs for the Committee's review at the May 1, 2026 meeting.

The Committee reviewed proposed changes to CEP's bylaws to transition to a council. The Committee discussed updating the bylaws so they explicitly referred to undergraduate education and renaming the Committee to Undergraduate Council. The Committee will continue to discuss the proposed changes at the May 1, 2026 meeting.

In new business, the Chair shared that the Committee will review a survey for departments to share their feedback on Teaching Assistants at a future meeting. The Committee will also review feedback from the Associate Provost on the proposal for priority registration for students who complete teaching evaluations at a future meeting.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:01 PM.

Approved: May 1, 2026

Prepared by: Beth Beatty