

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
MINUTES
APRIL 2, 2021

PRESENT: S. Vidussi, Chair; G. Long, Vice Chair; J. Allison, UCEP Rep.; B. Babcock; G. Funning; J. Guo; I. Kaloshian; C. Lussier; M. Maduro; L. Mangolini; B. Wong; C. Zhou

GUESTS: M. Assaf, ASUCR Student Representative; C. Simons, GSA Student Representative

ABSENT: E. Goodman (On Leave); A. Sood; F. Zarinebaf

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

The Committee reviewed and voted to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2021 meeting.

The Committee's representative to the University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP) Juliann Allison informed the Committee that UCEP is scheduled to meet on April 5, 2021. UCEP will discuss a proposed UC online degree program and Representative Allison will send members a list of questions for feedback on online degree programs that she can share at the UCEP meeting.

The Committee reviewed and voted to approve the Final Findings and Recommendations Reports from the internal reviews of the International Relations minor and Labor Studies minor.

The Committee reviewed and voted to approve the proposed changes to the College Board AP exam credit for Environmental Sciences and Statistics. The Chair will report the Committee's approval to the Senate Chair.

The Committee reviewed the revised proposal for the formalization of a Division of Undergraduate Education and were appreciative of the revisions to the proposal to address the concerns from the initial Senate consultation of the proposal. The Committee noted that the proposal includes a contradictory statement regarding the number of campuses whose Divisions of Undergraduate Education have both administrative and academic units and recommends that the proposal be updated to clarify the statement. The Committee remained concerned that the proposal does not include a compelling reason for the change in status for the unit and requested that the proposal be updated to include a fundamental rationale for why the change in status is needed and how it will benefit undergraduate education at UCR. Additionally, the Committee noted concern that the proposal does not document if the proposed Division will expand academic offerings including the creation of courses. The Committee recommended that the proposal be updated to document how academic offerings will be developed by the proposed Division. The Chair will summarize the Committee's feedback and recommendations in a memo to the Senate Chair that will first be sent to the Committee for review by email.

The Committee reviewed and voted to approve the revised proposal for a BS+MS in Microbiology combined five-year degree program. The Chair will report the Committee's approval to the Senate Chair.

The Committee reviewed and voted to support the proposal to change the name of the Graduate School of Education to the School of Education. The Chair will report the Committee's support to the Senate Chair.

The Committee reviewed the proposed revisions to Senate Regulation SR 610, which defines residency and were supportive of the proposed changes. The Chair will report the Committee's support to the Senate Chair.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:24AM.

Approved: May 7, 2021

Prepared by: Beth Beatty