

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY  
MINUTES  
APRIL 7, 2023

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

GUEST: E. Kozlova, GSA Student Rep.

ABSENT: A. Litt, Vice Chair; E. Schwitzgebel, UCEP Rep.; E. Goodman; S. Nguyen, ASUCR Student Rep.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 9:00AM.

The Chair informed the Committee that they and the Vice Chair are unable to attend the April 10, 2023 Executive Council meeting and asked if a member was able to attend on behalf of the Committee. Member Ward Beyermann volunteered to attend the meeting on behalf of CEP.

The Committee voted to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2023 meeting.

The Chair thanked members who served on the Subcommittee to review the joint Senate-Administrative Teaching Evaluation Implementation Committee's (TEIC) recommended evaluation questions. The Chair asked members for their feedback on the updated draft response to include the Subcommittee's report that was included in the agenda. A member recommended that the Committee vote on the TEIC recommendations to note if they are not supportive, fully supportive, or if major revision is needed to the recommendations. The Committee voted in favor of the motion and voted on their overall support for the recommendations as follows: one member voted in full support for the proposed recommendations; two members voted to reject the proposed recommendations in their entirety; seven members voted that major revisions are needed to the proposed recommendations; one member abstained from the vote (4 members were not present for the vote). The Committee recommended that the outcome of the vote be recorded in the Committee's response to the TEIC recommendations. The Committee voted to support the response to TEIC recommendations with the inclusion of the outcome of the vote of overall support for the recommendations. The Chair will update the response to include the outcome of the vote taken and submit the document to the Senate Chair.

The Committee reviewed the proposal for a Minor in Planetary Sciences. The Committee discussed whether more letters of support were necessary as only one was included in the proposal. The Committee voted to approve the proposal. The Chair will send a memo to the Senate Chair with the Committee's approval.

The Committee reviewed the proposed Presidential Policy on Inventions, Patents and Innovation Transfer and discussed whether the policy impacted undergraduate education. The Committee voted to respond to the Senate Chair to note that the policy does not fall under the Committee's purview of undergraduate education. The Chair will document the Committee's response in a memo to the Senate Chair.

The Committee reviewed the preliminary findings and recommendations report from the review of the Cell, Molecular, and Developmental Biology undergraduate program review conducted this year. The Committee voted to support the report with the correction of several grammatical errors noted by the Chair.

The Committee welcomed newly appointed Vice Provost and Dean for Undergraduate Education (VPDUE) Louie Rodriguez to the meeting. After introductions, VPDUE Rodriguez provided an overview of their vision for undergraduate education at UCR. The Chair asked the VPDUE how CEP could best collaborate with the Office of Undergraduate Education and VPDUE Rodriguez responded that they looked forward to generating policy and engaging in dialogue with the Committee. The Chair summarized the issues that CEP has reviewed this year including the potential impact of the Teaching Assistant agreement on undergraduate education and student's college level readiness. The Committee discussed with the VPDUE the push for students to enroll in more units at UCR and recommended that the VPDUE survey students to learn more about the reasons why students are not enrolling in more units. The Committee discussed the services provided by the Academic Resource Center with the VPDUE and asked how the Center communicates with departments about the services they provide. The Committee discussed student's preparation for the Mathematics Advisory Exam (MAE) and asked how the VPDUE will prepare students for the exam. The VPDUE responded with the resources provided on campus and was also supportive of the recommendation for students to work together to increase preparedness. The Committee asked what the VPDUE's plan is to support faculty participation in community engagement efforts and the VPDUE responded that they are looking into this issue of what support can be provided.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:05AM.

Approved: May 5, 2023

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