

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
MINUTES
MAY 7, 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; A. Sood; B. Wong; F. Zarinebaf; C. Zhou

ABSENT: E. Goodman (On Leave)

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

The Chair informed members that the Committee has completed the review phase of all undergraduate program reviews scheduled for this academic year. The Chair informed the Committee of a concern received from a department regarding the campus' process for assessment and why the process is not facilitated by the Senate. The Chair escalated this concern to the Senate Chair for a discussion on the Senate's role in the assessment process. The Chair informed the Committee of the possibility of an increase in proposals for online courses and the recommendation that the standards for online courses maintain the rigor of in person courses.

The Committee reviewed and voted to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2021 meeting.

The Committee's representative to the University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP) Juliann Allison provided the Committee with an update from UCEP's May 3, 2021 meeting. UCEP discussed the issue of non-secular hospitals included in insurance providers networks for UC employees, limiting the access to reproductive and transgender health care. Additionally, the UCEP was informed of the request for Divisional Senate's to establish sustainability standing committees as they relate to academic programs. Representatives from CHEGG attended the UCEP meeting to discuss how they are working to prevent cheating. UCEP was asked to develop principles for online education in response to a potential UC online degree program.

The Committee reviewed and voted to approve the Preliminary Findings and Recommendations Reports from the review of the Liberal Studies undergraduate program.

The Committee reviewed and voted to approve proposed changes to the Committee's Procedures for Undergraduate Program Reviews to update the self study assessment requirement to reflect the current campus practice.

The Committee reviewed the modification of the Procedures for Undergraduate Program reviews made by the Subcommittee for the review of the University Writing Program to reflect the review of a non-degree granting program. The Committee voted to approve the modifications.

The Committee reviewed the proposed Presidential Policy for the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Vaccination Program. Concern was noted that the proposed policy's guidelines to verify vaccination status do not include the process for uniform, verifiable documentation and does not provide a provision for how unvaccinated faculty, students, and staff who do not fall in the

exception category will be prevented from access to campus. The Committee also noted concern that the requirements for non-medical exceptions were vague. The Committee recommended that the policy on non-medical exceptions be revised to be more restrictive in consideration that the current policy for vaccinations does not consider non-medical exceptions. Several members recommended that the proposed policy limit exceptions to those that are medically justified. The Chair will summarize the Committee's concerns and recommendations in a memo to the Senate Chair.

The Committee reviewed a proposal for a B.S. in Robotics Engineering and was supportive of the proposal. However, the Committee did recommend that the proposal be updated to address the concerns noted in the external letters of support especially the letter from UC Irvine. The Chair will send the Committee's support and recommendation in a memo to the Senate Chair.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:34AM.

Approved: June 4, 2021

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