MINUTES OF THE UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

March 9th, 2015

PRESENT: Vice-Chair Kathy Porter, Sam Lind, Molly Metherd, Elena Escalera, Steve Miller, Jose Feito, Elise Wong, and Chris Ray

ABSENT: Chair Robert Gorsch (with notice), Sue Fallis (with notice), Steve Bachofer

The meeting began at 3:30 pm.

The minutes from Feb 16th, 2015 meeting were approved by email: 7 AYE 0 NAY 4 ABSTAIN

The changes in the Spanish Major were voted by email as the following:
- First vote on the change in the title and description of Span 130: 7 AYE 0 NAY 4 ABSTAIN
- Second vote on accepting the additional ML designation so sometimes it can be taught in English when necessary: 7 AYE 0 NAY 4 ABSTAIN
- Third vote is accepting the change in their major to allow expansion to the 3 concentrations: 7 AYE 0 NAY 4 ABSTAIN

Interfaith Leadership Minor Proposal & New course proposal
Guests: Barbara McGraw, Steve Woolpert, Makiko Imamura, and Julie Ford

BUSAD 108 was offered as an experimental course in fall 2014. The feedback from students was extremely positive. The course will count as an upper division elective and will be offered every fall. It will apply for Common Good and American Diversity designation.

Theology & Religious Studies is aware of the proposal for an Interfaith Leadership minor. It does not appear that there will be any significant impact on TRS classes by this proposal.

The Committee noted a concern that BUSAD 108 and the Minor will be heavily dependent on the expertise of one faculty member.

The vote to approve BUSAD 108 as a permanent course: 8 AYE 0 NAY 0 ABSTAIN
The vote to approve the Interfaith Leadership Minor: 8 AYE 0 NAY 0 ABSTAIN

Perfa 42: Intro to Technical Theatre. New Course Approval
Guest: Rebecca Engle

Perfa 42 can be taken as 0.25, 0.5 or 1.0 course credit. It will seek Artistic Understanding designation. Perfa 42 is not a prerequisite for Perfa 142 can be taken concurrently with Perfa 142. For students in the Performance and Theatre Studies majors, Perfa 42 will replace Stagecraft (Perfa 48) as a major requirement. For theatre minors, Perfa 42 will become one of
two lower division options in Technical Theatre. Depending on their level of prior experience, they will take either Perfa 42 or Perfa 48.

The vote to approve Perfa 42 as a permanent course: 8 AYE 0 NAY 0 ABSTAIN
The vote to approve the changes in the major and minor: 8 AYE 0 NAY 0 ABSTAIN

Kinesiology Activity Course Issues
Guest: Steve Miller, Deane Lamont

Kinesiology department is asking advice from UEPC on the two issues:
1. The future of the activity program given that we no longer require activity courses for our students and have not been given the resources to run the activity program
2. Kines 003 and athletes getting credit for participation in athletics

On the 1st issue: UEPC suggested that Kines department considers the significance of the activity program to the College, and the cost, time, and resources required if program should be housed in Kines or someplace else (like Athletics or Recreation Center).

On the 2nd issue: This 0.25 course has an average of 300 students per year. However, some of the faculty members in the department are uncomfortable that Kines 003 was never approved by UEPC and not included in the Catalog. For Kines 003 to be approved as a course, it needs to fulfill certain requirements which could be difficult.

Kines Department will draft and present a proposal to UEPC for possible resolutions.

Sem. 001, 002, 102 New Course Approvals
Guest: Jose Feito

There are about 30+ sections of Seminar courses per academic year. Examples of assessment plans (big and small scale) conducted during the experimental offerings were: faculty survey, preparation for the reading lists revision cycle, student self-reflection essays on reading completion, alignment between ENGL 4 and Sem 1 as co-requisites, planning for a FYAC on Shared Inquiry. Modules (e.g. How to find a voice, pairing easy and difficult readings) were developed to map out the scaffolding stages from Sem 1 to Sem 2. Jose acknowledged that it remains a challenge to implement developmental sequence in Sem 102 to meet the learning outcomes.

The vote to approve Sem 001, 002, 102 as permanent courses: 7 AYE 0 NAY 0 ABSTAIN

Course Redesignation Procedure Discussion, Ray Proposal and other discussion
Guest: Jim Sauerberg

After reviewing the original renewal proposal by CCC (Sep 29, 2014), the follow-up (Oct 8, 2014), as well as the proposal by Chris Ray, the Committee discussed the need to streamline
the application process (especially for a course that has multiple sections), and how often should the designated course be reevaluated.

Kathy will draft a modified version of the proposal and present to the Committee via email for feedback. Jim will be included in the discussion.

The meeting ended at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Elise Wong