Undergraduate Educational Policies Committee
May 15, 2015

End of Year Report

The Undergraduate Educational Policies Committee membership for 2014-2015 was Robert Gorsch (Chair Fall & January), Kathy Porter (Vice Chair, Interim Chair Spring), Steve Bachofer, Steve Miller, Molly Metherd, Elena Escalera, Sam Lind, Jose Feito (Director of Collegiate Seminar), Elise Wong (Library Representative), Chris Ray (Academic Senate Liaison), and Susan Fallis (Director of Jan Term)

The following items were completed this year:

1. The committee assessed, discussed, and ranked the sabbatical proposals submitted in fall 2014 and we sent our recommendations to the Provost.

2. The UEPC studied, discussed, and acted upon the following proposals:
   - The proposal on Ranked Faculty in January term and Collegiate Seminar was submitted to the UEPC by Jose Feito (Collegiate Seminar), Sue Fallis (Jan Term), and Jim Sauerberg (Core Curriculum) in the fall. The result of the discussion was to support the resolution written by Feito, Fallis, and Sauerberg which states: “The proportion of ranked faculty teaching in January Term and Collegiate Seminar should be broadly representative of this proportion across the undergraduate college.” We also suggested adding a percentage to the statement.
   - A proposal was received in the fall from the Integral Program which requested a waiver for the Integral students of the classes of 2016 and 2017 of all Core Curriculum requirements (except for Community Engagement). After some deliberation the UEPC voted to support the proposal.
   - The Dean of the School of Science presented the UEPC with a proposal concerning raising the faculty work credit for teaching labs. The UEPC voted to support this proposal.
   - The Department of Kinesiology submitted a proposal on its 0.25 Activities course with a plan to separate these classes into a separate designation of PHED (rather than KINES) with a coordinator to oversee the program. The UEPC supported this proposal.
   - The CCC submitted a proposal to the UEPC for a change in the language for the Global Perspectives area of the Core Curriculum. The proposal was approved by the committee.
3. The UEPC studied proposals for and approved the following new courses for Permanent Status:

- Psych 163: Prejudice and Stereotyping
- Perfa 138: Portfolio
- MATH 005: Mathematics Concepts for Elementary School Teachers I
- MATH 006: Mathematics Concepts for Elementary School Teachers II
- WGS 126: Engaging Communities
- BIO 34: Protecting Biodiversity
- AH 100: Women and Art
- Busad 108: Interfaith Leadership in Business and the Professions
- Perfa 042 Intro to Technical Theater
- Sem 001: Critical Strategies and Great Questions
- Sem 002: Western Tradition I
- Sem 102: Western Tradition I for Transfer students
- Math 103 Introduction to Upper Division Mathematics
- TRS 189: The Bible and its Interpretations: Great Themes
- TRS 128: The Trinity
- Chem 113 & 113L: Analytic Chemistry and lab

4. The following courses were approved as experimental courses by the chairs (Bob Gorsch-fall, Kathy Porter-Spring):

- Integral 181: What is Beauty?
- Kinesiology 128: Global Impact of Physical Inactivity
- Politics 196: Capstone Course (.25)
- Psychology 129: Language and the Brain
- Psychology 131: Transpersonal Psychology
- Seminar 146: Common Good Seminar: Questions of Citizenship
- Theology & Religious Studies: The Theologian: Pioneer in the Church’s Dialogue with Culture

5. The following course was approved with preliminary status which means it was approved as part of a new program/major/minor and may not be offered until a proposal for experimental status is approved:

- Interfaith Leadership 120: Interfaith Leadership Praxis

6. The following new programs were approved:

- The Interfaith Leadership Minor with one course IFL in preliminary status.
- Minor in Cinematic Arts to be housed in both Art and Communication Departments (no new classes).
7. The UEPC also studied and approved the following course changes:
   - Psych 008 - change to Psych168
   - French 10 - change to French 005
   - Delete the current French 100
   - French 11 - change to French 100

8. The UEPC studied and approved the following changes:
   - The Department of Physics and Astronomy proposed to change their major to allow both a B.A and a B.S. in Physics.
   - The Spanish major will be called Spanish and Latin American Studies and will have 3 concentrations: Hispanic Literary Studies, Hispanic Linguistic Studies, and Hispanic Cultural Studies.
   - Spanish 130’s title will be Special Topics
   - Spanish 130 will have the ML (Modern Language designation)
   - Add 0.25 to the Politics major requirements by adding a capstone course (experimental status)
   - Modern Language to separate all labs (.25) in lower division courses into separate courses.
   - Increase credit for Art 195 from 0.25 to 0.5

9. A two semester long discussion of a proposal submitted to the UEPC by Jim Sauerberg of the Core Curriculum Committee on Course Designation Renewal (Redesignation) culminated with the writing of a letter and proposal submitted to the Senate in May. The UEPC, although not unanimous on the proposal, designed the letter to summarize the concerns of the entire committee over redundancy of assessment of the Core Curriculum Learning Outcomes and approved courses, as well as a concern over the seeming lack of trust in faculty/department as far as their role in assessing their own proposals. There is hope that the Senate will discuss this issue and some direction can be suggested to the CCC.

10. The UEPC studied and approved with some advice the 5 year Academic Calendar for 2015-2020. The idea of a fall Reading day was suggested.

11. The Rules and Procedures of the UEPC were reviewed and after the Committee consulted the Faculty Handbook voted to make the following changes
   - Added the following statement: In order to proceed with a vote, a quorum of 6 out of 11 members must be present.
   - Under section 6 the last line is changed to: 6. However, only UEPC members (who are not authors of the proposal) will be present during committee deliberations.
12. Studied the essays written by applicants for the award and then chose the winner of the De La Salle award for 2015.

13. Items submitted to the UEPC (as of today) that we will consider next year:
   - New minor - Law and Society in Politics
   - Name change for Bio 001 and Lab
   - New Course proposal: TRS 118:
   - New Course proposal: TRS 128
   - New Course proposal: TRS 135

14. Issues to address next year:
   - Website redesign
   - Backlog of experimental courses needing to apply for permanent status
   - Status for new courses presented as part of a program
   - What to do with minors in a department when they want their majors to be able to attain that minor also. (concentrations/programs outside of departments/etc.)
   - Develop a list to guide chairs/faculty on what needs to come through the UEPC.
   - Develop procedure for courses deleted from official Registrar list to be re-approved.
   - Set a time restriction for courses to be experimental and not be proposed for permanent status.

I would like to commend the entire committee for their work and diligence on these issues, and I would also like to thank them for their patience and tolerance; they all made the time spent together worthwhile.

Submitted by,

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