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**Committee on University Extension (UEXT)
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ISSUES AND ACTIONS

- Advising students in the Fall Program for Freshmen (FPF): The FPF allows spring admits to take courses through Extension in the fall. These special XB (Berkeley-equivalent for unit and grade-point credit) courses usually fulfill campus and college requirements. A student member of the Committee, a former FPF student, said that there was little advising available for FPF students compared to that for fall admits. University Extension (UNEX) Acting Dean Diana Wu pointed out the website for FPF students, and general advising provided by Extension staff. She confirmed that FPF students do not have access to L&S group workshops or one-on-one appointments with advisers. As there are over 700 FPF students who will become Berkeley students, advising for this important program could be seen as a campus issue, not merely an Extension issue. UEXT wrote to Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education Christina Maslach to bring the discussions to her attention and ask for her thoughts about how FPF student advising can fit into the overall undergraduate advising picture.
- XB Courses: UNEX submitted proposals to the Committee on Courses of Instruction (COCI) for XB courses in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences. The courses had been offered online to non-Berkeley students; they now proposed to offer them as XB courses for Berkeley unit and grade-point credit. Several of the courses are graduate-level, which have not yet been offered through Extension, and which could lead to an online-only Master's Degree from Berkeley. COCI had several concerns and did not approve the courses, but suggested that they be proposed as X courses. Acting Dean Wu reported that at this time the College of Engineering plans to offer the courses non-credit through Extension as a pilot program.
- University Extension program development:
 - Collaboration with International and Area Studies on a terminal Master's degree called Master's of Advanced Studies in Global Studies is moving forward.
 - Partnership with the Parsons School of Design for online courses in interior design leading to a certificate from Berkeley and an M.A. from Parsons.
 - Acting Dean Wu said her priorities are growing Extension's strongest programs (pre-med certificate program, interior design/architecture), corporate contracts, building the online initiative, and international collaborations/partnerships.

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- A UEXT member suggested a program to give graduate students in the sciences experience in education. Dean Sherwood welcomed the idea but said Extension would have to consider costs.
- Submitted comments to Division Chair Drummond on proposed amendments to SR 694 and proposed new SR 695 (02/26/07).
- Extension Administration: Extension Dean James Sherwood stepped down as of January 31, 2007. Diana Wu served as Acting Dean.
- The Joint Certification Program Review Working Group: The working group, established to assess the various policies and procedures used to govern certificate programs on the Berkeley campus, finished its work. According to members, policy recommendations will be made, but a final report has not yet been released.

FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

- Review of Joint Certification Program Review Working Group report
- Follow-up on COE online courses and possible online Master's degree