2000–01 Annual Report for Committee on Educational Policy

In fulfilling its charge as established in the by-laws of the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate, the Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) carried out the following activities. The chair of CEP during 2000-01 was Professor Ling-chi Wang.

Note: items are listed chronologically in each section.

I. Departments Reviewed

CEP did not review any departments during 2000-01.

II. Finished Business

A. Completed with Written Comment
   • Proposed name changes for academic units
     - Earth and Planetary Science Undergraduate Major
       Endorsement forwarded to Senate Chair Maslach (11/28/00).
     - Earth and Planetary Science Graduate Degree Programs
       CEP declined to comment (1/29/01).
     - Dramatic Art (to offer Ph.D. degree in Performance Studies)
       CEP declined to comment (2/28/01).
     - Department of Dramatic Art/Center for Theater Arts (to Department of Theater, Dance, and Performance Studies) and A.B. in Dramatic Art (to A.B. in Theater and Performance Studies and A.B. in Dance and Performance Studies)
       Endorsement and recommendations forwarded to Senate Chair Dowall (3/27/01).

   • Presentation on the Office of the Registrar
     Letter forwarded to Registrar Castillo-Robson (10/5/00).

   • Course Materials Fees (CMF)
     Comments forwarded to Senate Chair Maslach (10/16/00).

   • Key Policy Issues in Technology-Enhanced Learning
     Comments forwarded for Senate Chair Maslach (10/16/01).

   • Proposal for Retiree Recall
     Endorsement forwarded to Senate Chair Maslach (10/17/00).

   • Use of Human Remains in Teaching and Research
Comments forwarded to Vice Chancellor for Research Cerny and Vice Chancellor Designate for Research Burnside (10/24/00).

- Proposal for Dual Admission Program
  - Proposal by UC President Atkinson
    Comments forwarded to Senate Chair Maslach (11/28/00).
  - Proposal approved by the Board of Admissions and Relations with School
    Comments forwarded to Senate Chair Dowall (3/8/01).

- Comparative Fifteen Year Review of Three Multicampus Research Units (UC Energy Institute, Cancer Research Coordinating Committee, and Toxic Substances Research and Teaching Program)
  Comments forwarded to Senate Chair Maslach (11/28/00).

- Five Year Review of the California Space Institute
  CEP declined to comment (1/29/01).

- Course Website Guidelines
  Comments forwarded to Senate Chair Dowall (2/9/01).

- Request for Waiver of American History and Institutions Requirement
  CEP granted the waiver (2/9/01).

- External Review of the Disabled Student Program
  Comments forwarded to Senate Chair Dowall (2/14/01).

- Proposal for MBA/MFE Concurrent Program
  CEP declined to comment (3/15/01).

- College of Letters and Science (L & S) Regulation 140.F
  Comments forwarded to L & S Executive Committee Chair Forte (3/23/01).

- Proposed Establishment of B.S. program in Microbial Biology
  Endorsement and comments forwarded to Senate Chair Dowall (4/12/01).

- Final Report of Commission on Undergraduate Education (CUE)
  Comments forwarded to Senate Chair Dowall (4/12/01)

- Proposal to Designate the Last Friday of March as Cesar Chavez Day
  Endorsement forwarded to Senate Chair Dowall (4/19/01).

- Report of the Workgroup to Study How Proctoring Should Be Administered.
Comments forwarded to Senate Chair Dowall (4/20/01).

- Proposal to Revise Academic Personnel Policy 283, Lecturer with Security of Employment Series
  Endorsement forwarded to Senate Chair Dowall (5/3/01).

- Implementation of Senate Regulation 630
  Comments forwarded to Senate Chair Dowall (5/16/01 via e-mail).

B. Completed without Written Comment
   - Class Withdrawals
     CEP met with Dean of Undergraduate Studies in L & S Kwong-loi Shun to discuss class withdrawals and the potential impact on undergraduates’ time to degree. Dean Shun affirmed that he would update Chair Wang of any changes (11/8/00 meeting).

   - Classroom Scheduling
     CEP met with Registrar Castillo-Robson and Campus Classroom Scheduling Manager Lazzereschi to discuss the campus’ system and policies for assigning general assignment classrooms (2/7/01 meeting).

III. Unfinished Business
   - Expanded Enrollment
     Throughout the year, CEP considered how the campus could meet the demands of expanded enrollment without compromising educational quality. Chair Wang represented CEP on the Strategic Planning Committee and Professor Alvarez-Cohen represented CEP on the Enrollment Growth Committee. CEP considered numerous issues related to expanded enrollment (e.g., expanding Summer Sessions course offerings and the Education Abroad Program, decreasing students’ time to degree, decreasing the number of days of instruction). In addition, CEP commented on the following documents related to expanded enrollment.
     - CAPRA statement on Enrollment Growth
       Comments forwarded to Vice Chair Dowall (10/12/00).
     - Proposal Regarding Additional Options for Growth
       Comments forwarded to Senate Chair Maslach (11/28/00).
     - Opportunities for Faculty Teaching in Summer 2001 and 2002
       Comments forwarded to Senate Chair Dowall (3/8/01).
     - Opportunities for Faculty Teaching in Summer 2002
       Comments forwarded to Senate Chair Dowall (4/19/01).
     - Draft proposal to Reduce the Number of Days of Instruction from 146 to 140
       Endorsement forwarded to Senate Chair Dowall (5/15/01).

Discussion will continue during the 2001-02 year as planning continues.

- Lecturer Representative on CEP
Members agreed to recommend to the Divisional Council (DIVCO) that a legislative amendment be made so that a lecturer representative can be a member of CEP (3/7/01 meeting). A proposal will be drafted and submitted to DIVCO in the fall 2001 semester.

- Role of CEP/Proposed Liberal Science Major at UC Berkeley
  A draft proposal was submitted (5/2/01 meeting) to create a liberal science A.B. program at UC Berkeley. The proposal will be revised and forwarded to the executive committee of L&S and the office of UGIS during the 2001-02 year.