Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate  
Committee on Educational Policy  
ANNUAL REPORT 2014-2015

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2014-2015 Annual Report of the  
Committee on Educational Policy

Professor Glynda Hull (Education) served as chair of the Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) during the 2014-2015 academic year. In fulfilling its charge, as established in the Bylaws of the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate, CEP carried out the following activities.

Note: items are listed chronologically in each section. Dates in parentheses, unless otherwise noted, indicate the date of committee correspondence regarding the item of business.

I. Reports Submitted Regarding Departmental or Program Reviews

- Major Group in Religious Studies (UGIS)  
  Comments forwarded to Letters and Science Executive Committee Chair  
  Georjana Barnes (October 10, 2014)

- Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering  
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Panos Papadopoulos (October 16, 2014)

- Department of Integrative Biology  
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Panos Papadopoulos (October 28, 2014)

- Department of Sociology  
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Panos Papadopoulos (November 13, 2014)

- Department of English  
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Panos Papadopoulos (November 19, 2014)

- Department of Nutritional Science and Toxicology  
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Panos Papadopoulos (November 24, 2014)

- Department of Spanish and Portuguese  
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Panos Papadopoulos (December 12, 2014)

- Department of Theater, Performance and Dance Studies
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Comments forwarded to Division Chair Panos Papadopoulos (March 25, 2015)

• Major Group in Development Studies (UGIS)
  Comments forwarded to Letters and Science Executive Committee Chair Georjana Barnes (April 14, 2015)

• Department of History
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Panos Papadopoulos (April 16, 2015)

• Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Panos Papadopoulos (May 8, 2015)

II. Finished Business

A. Completed with Written Comment

• Proposal to Establish a Specialization in Toxicology in the College of Natural Resources
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Panos Papadopoulos (September 18, 2014)

• A New Strategy for the Arts at Berkeley
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Panos Papadopoulos (November 12, 2014)

• Proposed revision of Berkeley Division Regulations A230
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Panos Papadopoulos (November 18, 2014)

• Proposal for an Executive Self-Supporting Professional Program of Graduate Studies for the Master of Public Affairs by the Goldman School of Public Policy
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Panos Papadopoulos (December 5, 2014)

• Proposal for a Certificate in Information and Communication Technologies and Development
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Panos Papadopoulos (February 18, 2015)
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• Proposal to Establish a Bachelor of Arts Degree Program in East Asian Religion, Thought and Culture
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Panos Papadopoulos (March 5, 2015)

• Proposal to Establish a Master in Earthquake Engineering
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Panos Papadopoulos (March 9, 2015)

• Proposal from the Committee on Teaching’s Recommendations on the Evaluation of Teaching
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Panos Papadopoulos (March 25, 2015)

• Proposal to Establish Contextual Grading at UC Berkeley
  Bob Jacobsen, Interim Dean, College of Letters and Science attended a CEP meeting (February 4, 2015) to discuss contextual grading.
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Panos Papadopoulos (April 16, 2015)

• Proposal for an Amendment to Senate Bylaw 182
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Panos Papadopoulos (April 16, 2015)

• Proposal for an Addendum to the 1987 Recommendations for Administering and Analyzing Student Course Evaluations
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Panos Papadopoulos (May 11, 2015)

• Proposal for the Online Instruction Project Agreement Draft Template
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Panos Papadopoulos (May 11, 2015)

• Proposals from the Student Information Replacement Project (informal summer request)
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Panos Papadopoulos (July 30, 2015)

B. Completed without Written Comment

• Turnitin
  Jenn Stringer, Associate CIO of ETS attended a CEP meeting (February 4, 2015) to discuss Turnitin.
• **UC Berkeley Extensions**
Diana Wu, the Dean of UC Berkeley Extensions attended a CEP meeting (March 4, 2015) to provide an update on UCB Extension activities.

• **Berkeley Resource Center for Online Education (BRCOE)**
Christopher Van Nostrand, Director of Marketing and Suzanne Watson, Online Operations Manager of BRCOE attended a CEP meeting (April 1, 2015) to describe BRCOE’s partnerships with schools and departments on online initiatives. They gave a demonstration of an online course using the Canvas platform.

• **UC Berkeley Study Abroad**
Rich Russo, Dean of Summer Session, Study Abroad, and Lifelong Learning and Darin Menlove, Director of Study Abroad attended a CEP meeting (May 6, 2015) to provide an update on UCB study abroad.

• **Undergraduate Initiative**
Catherine Koshland, Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Education and Cynthia Schrager, Assistant Vice Provost attended a CEP meeting (May 6, 2015) to provide an update on the Undergraduate Initiative Steering Committee.

•  *See Appendix A for a list of committees and ad hoc groups on which CEP members sat.*

### III. Unfinished Business

CEP began to study the issue of capped majors and held several subcommittee meetings that included guests who could shed light on this issue. These guests included Sereeta Alexander (Office of Planning and Analysis), Andrew Epig (Office of Equity and Inclusion), Bob Jacobsen (Interim Dean of Undergraduate Studies in the College of Letters and Science), Georjana Barnes (Chair of the College of Letters and Science Executive Committee), and Anne De Luca (Associate Vice Chancellor of Admissions and Enrollment). During the upcoming academic year, CEP plans to continue its examination of capped majors and to produce a policy statement for DIVCO’s consideration.
APPENDIX A: COMMITTEES AND AD HOC GROUPS WITH CEP REPRESENTATION

Members of the 2014-2015 Committee on Educational Policy undertook the following service on behalf of the committee.

- Chair Glynda Hull (Education)
  - Divisional Council
  - Program Review Oversight Committee
  - Space Allocation and Capital Improvements
  - Coordination Board for Admissions, Financial Aid, and Enrollment Management
  - Undergraduate Initiative Planning Committee
  - Advising Council Executive Committee
  - Research, Teaching and Learning Technologies Committee
  - CEP Subcommittee
  - UGIS – Media Studies Review

- Professor Oliver Arnold (English)
  - CEP Subcommittee
  - Gender and Women’s Studies Review
  - Spanish and Portuguese Review
  - History Review

- Professor Max Auffhammer (International Area Studies and Agriculture and Resource Management)
  - History of Art Review
  - CEP Subcommittee

- Professor Dennis Baldocchi (Environmental Science, Policy, and Management)
  - Integrative Biology Review
  - CEP Subcommittee

- Professor Gary Black (Architecture)
  - UGIS - Development Studies Review

- Professor Michael Burawoy (Sociology)
  - CEP Subcommittee
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- Professor Serena Chen (Psychology)
  - CEP Subcommittee
- Professor Abby Dernburg (Molecular and Cell Biology)
  - Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering Review
  - Nutritional Science and Toxicology Review
- Professor Gary Firestone (Molecular and Cell Biology)
  - Advising Council on Undergraduate Education
  - CEP Subcommittee
- Professor Ramon Grosfogel (Ethnic Studies)
  - Theater, Dance & Performance Review
- Professor Mark Hansen (Civil and Environmental Engineering)
  - English Review
  - CEP Subcommittee
- Professor Martin Lettau (Business Administration)
  - Online Course Evaluation Steering Committee
  - Research, Teaching and Learning Technologies Committee
- Professor Jonathan Sheehan (History)
  - Sociology Review
- Professor Elisa Tamarkin (English)
  - Political Science Review
  - CEP Subcommittee
- Professor Benson Tongue (Mechanical Engineering)
  - Civil and Environmental Engineering Review