

To: Neil Hultgren, Chair, Academic Senate, CSULB
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From: Craig Macaulay, Chair, Curriculum and Educational Policies Council, CSULB

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Annual Report of the Curriculum and Educational Policies Council AY 2025-2026

Preface

CEPC addressed many curricular and a large policy item during this academic year of 2025-26. It prioritized many curricular items submitted, as to speedily move them to the Senate for consideration as appropriate. The council, of course, also devoted a substantial amount of time to revise the grade appeal policy.

CEPC has been expedient in its reviews and recommendations to the Senate except for the grade appeal policy, which was a complicated, nuanced process that took well over a year. The only possible policy items it has touched on otherwise are to open discussions on the Posthumous Degree Referral from Senate Exec, and the First Year Experience Referral, also from Senate Exec. CEPC has created taskforces for each to create a draft policy and draft recommendation over the summer. We do plan to also begin the conversation in our next meeting (the final meeting of the semester – which will come after this draft is sent) on the SCO/Syllabus Policy Referral from Senate Exec to possibly add a requirement to specify course-specific AI policies in syllabi. The only curricular item on our docket is the Certificate in Community College Instruction which was referred to CEPC just after our last meeting – CEPC's chair plans to advance that in the first Fall meeting, as well as pick up the other policy referrals at that point.

Like its approach since Spring 2020, meetings during this AY were held entirely online via Zoom (although some years had one in-person meeting), based on the preference of the council members, who voted to continue meeting via Zoom in AY 2025-26. (CEPC will once more hold a discussion and vote on how to meet in AY 2026-27, during its next Organizational Meeting, on May 13, 2026.)

Membership and Guests

Members: Jermie Arnold, Emily Atherley (ASI), Sophia Benitez (ASI), Jeffrey Bentley, Lisa Fish (Staff), Amanda Fisher, Jasmine Forbes (ASI), Laura Forrest, Daria Graham (VP), Donna Green (AVP), Nat Hansuvadha, Pei-Fang Hung (Interim Vice Provost), Ann Kim, Danielle Kohfeldt, Craig Macaulay - Chair, Chris Marino, Mariya Mileva, Shamim Mirza, Henry O'Lawrence, Sharon Olson (AVP), Jose Miguel Palacios, Chloe Pascual -Recording Secretary, Danny Paskin, Judy Prince, Manny Pulido, Christine Scott-Hayward - Vice Chair, Lora Stevens, Ga-Young Suh, Kirsten Sumpter (Staff), Chris Swarat (CPaCE Dean), Hailu Xu.

New, Elevation, Discontinuance, or Name Change of Programs and Certificates

1. New option, Bachelor of Science in Public Health - Health Advocacy Option
2. New certificate, Post-Master's Certificate in Instruction for Information Professionals
3. Discontinuance of the Minor and Certificate in Web Technologies and Applications
4. Name change and establishment of subprograms/options for Bachelor of Arts in Comparative World Literature and Classics
5. Discontinuance of the Japanese Language and Pedagogy (JLP) Option of the Master of Arts program in Asian Studies
6. Degree elevation, *from* Master of Arts in Education, Option in Dual Language Development *to* MA in Critical Multilingual Education
7. Discontinuance of Master of Arts in Education (Option in Math)
8. New degree, Master of Arts in Translation and Interpreting
9. New degree, Bachelor of Arts in Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures
10. New degree, Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering
11. New certificate, Certificate in Mentoring

New, Discontinuance, or Name Change of Departments, Schools, or Colleges

1. College Name Change Recommendation Approved, *from* College of Engineering *to* Hung Family College of Engineering.

Revisions to existing and approvals of new university policy statements

1. PS 11-09 Grade Appeals Procedure

Revisions to or approval of new charges of committees and councils

1. None

Course Approvals

1. GVAR WI Course - Anthropology 474
2. GVAR WI Course - Chicano and Latino Studies 445 / Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies 445A
3. GVAR WI Course - American Language Institute 365

General Education Course List Supplements

1. Approval of Supplement 100 (concerning Fall 2025) on Dec. 10, 2025;
2. Approval of Supplement 101 (concerning Spring 2026) to be reviewed on May 13, 2026;

Annual Reports of Committees that Report to the Council

1. Academic Appeals Committee – Approved on August 27, 2025.
2. General Education Governing Committee – Approved on September 24, 2025.
3. Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement Committee – Approved on August 27, 2025.
4. University Grade Appeals Committee – Approved on August 27, 2025.
5. International Education Committee – Approved on August 27, 2025.

Appointment of Liaisons or Members to University Committees and the Senate

1. Academic Appeals Committee – Unfilled
2. Academic Senate – Christine Scott-Hayward
3. General Education Governing Committee – Danny Paskin
4. Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement Committee – Henry O’Lawrence
5. International Education Committee – Jose Miguel Palacios
6. University Grade Appeals Committee – Pei-Fang Hung

Unfinished Business

1. Proposed Policy on Posthumous Degrees – Referred by Senate Exec on 4/3/26. This was discussed in 5/22/26 meeting, and a task force is formed to write a draft policy over the summer.
2. Proposal on First Year Experience – Referred by Senate Exec on 12/8/25. CEPC was encouraged at that time to continue work on the Grade Appeal Policy revisions before taking this on. This was discussed in 5/22/26 meeting, and a task force is formed to write a draft recommendation over the summer.

On CEPC Queue/Not Discussed Yet

1. PS 11-07 – Course Syllabi and Standard Course Outlines. Policy submitted by Senate Exec to CEPC on 4/7/26, while we were completing the grade appeal policy revisions. CEPC plans to discuss this at our last meeting on 5/13/26, but do not expect to be completed at that meeting.
2. Proposed Certificate in Community College Instruction – CEPC received this on 4/23/26. Given the busy end of year meeting (which will include welcoming new members, elections, and the Syllabus/SCO discussion) CEPC will advance this early in the Fall 26 session.

Others / Concerns / Queries / Comments / Recommendations

1. The CEPC chair would like to, once again, personally thank the vice chair, Christine Scott-Hayward, and the secretary of CEPC, Chloe Pascual, as well as the interim vice provost Pei-Fang Hung, for their continued work and input as part of the CEPC Steering Committee.
2. The CEPC chair would also like to thank Ann Kinsey, Academic Analyst/Specialist, Academic Senate Chair Assistant, for her continued support of CEPC and its current chair, during this and the many past years. Without Ann's continued assistance, we would not have accomplished nearly as much.
3. CEPC would like to thank Senate Exec for allowing us, as well as the other university councils and committees, to continue defining our own mode of meeting. CEPC members overwhelmingly showed a preference for continuing to meet via Zoom. Doing so is not only more convenient for members but has also proven to be more equitable for members with difficulties attending regular in-person meetings.

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