

California State University, Long Beach
Curriculum and Educational Policies Council
Minutes – 2019-20 Meeting 3
Wednesday, October 9th, 2019, 2-4 PM
AS-119 (Anatol Center)

Members in attendance: Jermie Arnold, Jeffrey Bentley, Jody Berger, Abby Bradecich, Chris Brazier, Al Colburn, Betsy Cooper, Jody Cormack, Laura Forrest, Donna Green, Gary Griswold, Betina Hsieh, Neil Hultgren, Katherine Khiev, Craig Macaulay (Vice Chair), Panadda Marayong, Jung Mee Mun, Henry O’Lawrence, Danny Paskin (Chair), Joseph Phillips, James Saucedo, Ryan Smith, Daniel Whisler, Donna Green.

Guest: Bonnie Gasior, University Honors Program

1. Call to Order: Chair Paskin called the meeting to order at 2:02.
2. MSP to approve the agenda.
3. MSP to approve the minutes from Meeting 2, from September 25 with minor corrections.
4. Announcements
 - a) Paskin reminded Council members that we would likely meet on December 4th for an additional meeting.
 - b) Paskin reported that the ad-hoc examining Final Course Grade, Grading Procedures, and Final Assessments (Policy 12-03) is meeting and will have recommendations forthcoming.
5. MS for first reading of Honors for Undergraduate Students Policy (PS 14-08)
 - a) Paskin explained that this policy was brought to CEPC last semester with a request to look into why the GPA for Summa Cum Laude was so high (it is the highest in the CSULB system). However, due to CEPC’s time-sensitive work on the new GE Policy, the Council was not able to examine PS 14-08 until now.
 - b) Bonnie Gasior, the Interim Director of University Honors, indicated the she had come to speak only about substituting language in section 2.0, “Univerity Honors Program” in the policy and was not able at this time to discuss the GPA issue. She will consult with her staff and previous University Honors Director Deborah Thien and return to a later meeting. Her proposed language to replace that of section 2.0 is “The University Honors Program is a standalone program that exists to meet the needs of high-performing students who seek an enriched undergraduate program. See University Honors Program Policy, 16-16.”
 - c) Discussion returned to the GPA issue in Section 1.0, “Latin Honors.” Discussion item included the following topics:
 - Is the GPA determined by individual Colleges or the whole university?
 - The pros and cons of a GPA vs. % cutoff for determining Latin Honors, the latter being done by CSU Chico and UC Irvine.

- How Latin Honors would be affected should our campus change to “plus” and “minus” letter grades.
 - Should just the CSU campus GPA calculated or also transfer units?
 - Should old GPA for returning students be counted?
6. MS for Second Reading of Student Grievance Policy (07-01) for possible rescission. Discussion ensued. Key topics included . . .
- a. Is this policy needed? Cormack indicated it had not been used in many years.
 - b. Do we need a more updated policy for student complaints not covered elsewhere?
 - c. Are such complaints handled by the various administration levels?
 - d. Perhaps better communication about student grievance avenues is needed. Perhaps ASI might want to develop a flow chart or infographic for students.
7. MSP to rescind Student Grievance Policy (07-01) with one abstention and one opposed.
8. The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

These minutes were approved on October 23, 2019

Respectfully submitted, Gary Griswold, Secretary Pro Tem