

MINUTES
Curriculum and Educational Policies Council
California State University, Long Beach
2020-21 – Meeting 11
Wednesday, April 14, 2-4 PM
Via Zoom

Members present: Danny Paskin (Chair) Craig Macaulay (Vice Chair), Gary Griswold (Secretary), Jody Cormack, Richard Rosenberg, Jeff Bentley, Panadda Marayong, Josh Chesler, Henry O'Lawrence, Babette Benken, Leilani Madrigal, Robert Moushon, Kelli Sanderson, Tom Tredway, Laura Forrest, Perla Ayala, Caleb Jones, Tracy Gilmore, Jeet Joshee, Betsy Cooper, Donna Green, Pamela Lewis, Rene Treviño, Sandra Arevalo, Jermie Arnold, Isaac Julian, Jesus Gonzalez, Greg Figueroa.

Guests: Dr. Peter G. Kreysa, Associate Professor and Graduate Advisor, Emergency Services Administration Program; Director, CSULB Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Program, Dr. Shirley Feldman-Jensen, Lecturer and Program Coordinator, Emergency Services Administration Program, Sinan Khan, MPH, MA, MEP, Lecturer, Criminal Justice Program; Associate Director, LA County Office of Emergency Management, Wendy Reiboldt, Roudi Roy, and Yongok Jung, Family and Consumer Sciences, Dr. Antonella Sciortino, Professor and Interim Associate Dean for Academic Programs, College of Engineering, Dr. Hamid Rahai, Professor and Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs, Dr. Roger Lo, Professor and Chair, Chemical Engineering (CHE) Department.

Approximately 75 student guests were also present.

Chair Paskin Called the meeting to order at 2:03.

1. MSP to approve the agenda.
2. MSP to approve minutes from March 24, 2021 with minor corrections.
3. Announcements: Paskin announced the Council has two more meetings after this one for the year.
4. Motion and second, first reading of new proposed Minor in Emergency Management, First Reading.
 - a. Peter G. Kreysa, Family and Consumer Sciences spoke to the proposal, and its interdisciplinary status. The proposal for this new minor has been recommended by accreditors.
 - b. Shirley Feldman-Jensen and Sinan Khan Emergency Services Admin program. Spoke to the need for more emergency service workers due to increased needs due to Covid, wild fires, potential earthquakes, and other natural disasters.

5. Motion and second, first reading Elevation of Bachelor of Arts in Child Development and Family Studies with an option in Child Development and Family Studies or Family Life Education *to* Bachelor of Arts in Family and Consumer Sciences: Child Development and Family Studies with an emphasis in Child Development and Family Studies or Family Life Education
 - a. Wendy Reiboldt, Family and consumer Sciences, Roudi Roy, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Yongok Jung, Family and Consumer Sciences spoke to the proposal.
 - b. This proposal addresses new CO requirements.
 - c. This proposal has reduced unit requirements.
6. Motion and second, second reading of new proposed BS in Environmental Engineering, Second Reading.
 - a. Dr. Antonella Sciortino, Professor and Interim Associate Dean for Academic Programs, College of Engineering, Dr. Hamid Rahai, Professor and Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs, Dr. Roger Lo, Professor and Chair, Chemical Engineering (CHE) Department spoke to the proposal.
7. MSP to approve and send to the Senate.
8. Continuation of second reading of Revision of PS 12-03, Policy on Final Course Grades, Grading Procedures, and Final Assessments.
 - a. Paskin opened the discussion of the motion to add Plus and Minus grades to section 1.2.
 - b. Sanderson reported that in a survey sent to faculty and students in the College of Education, 85% of respondents were opposed.
 - c. Bentley: College of Business faculty survey: a majority were in favor 2/3. Bentley added that he had posted literature on the subject on the Council's BB site.
 - d. Trevino: a survey sent to College of Liberal Arts faculty, suggests that that faculty are "roughly opposed" to the proposal.
 - e. Isaac Julian, ASI, spoke to ASI survey: showed the questions on the survey. Results were that more than 95% of approximately 10,000 student respondents opposed.

- f. Hayashino: from a CAPS perspective, this proposal would just add stress to already stressed students.
 - g. Rosenberg: students who are already here need to finish their programs before this proposal is implemented.
 - h. Many comments were provided by student guests:
 - There are important implications for academic probation, etc., and a delayed 2025 implementation does not change the impact.
 - Demographics of CSULB students make this a bad idea and this proposal would add one more stressor in a very stressful time.
 - We do not need more “buckets” to sort students into; Plus/Minus grading does not add precision.
 - It would not be a good idea to make our grading similar to that at the high school level.
 - Letter grades are already very subjective.
 - Why do this and why now?
 - As an ASI Senator, had lots of students come to her office concerned about this.
 - Plus/Minus grades do not really show better ability.
 - i. Citing a scarcity of time, Paskin called for the vote. Results
 - In favor: 7
 - Opposed: 16
 - Abstain: 1
 - The proposal failed.
 - j. MSP unanimously to send the policy as revised to the Academic Senate.
9. The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

These Minutes have not been approved. Respectfully submitted, Gary Griswold, Secretary.