



MINUTES

TO: Educational Policies and Programs Committee
FROM: K. Schierenbeck, Secretary
DATE: October 18, 2013
SUBJ: EPPC Meeting–October 10, K-207, 2:30 p.m.

Members Present: Boyd, Cross (Schindler), Crotts (Bowen), Ellingson, Ford, Kipnis, Lee, McConkey, Nichols, Ratekin, Roll, Schierenbeck, Thompson, Lillibridge, Loker, Bryan, Baumgartner-Lee, McAllister, Herren (Barrett).

1. Approve **minutes** of September 19, 2013 meeting
Amendments: Clarification of 6b. Include some justification that department was moving in a different direction. Amendment to 6.iv, should be statistics instead of math.
Minutes of 9-19-13 approved as amended.
2. Approve today's **agenda**
Agenda for 10-10-13 approved with modification to combine items 4-6 into action items.
Discussion that attachment is not part of motion. Clarification question.
3. Announcements:
CELT conference today and tomorrow.
Sierra Oro Farm Trail this weekend.
4. Discontinue: Option in Economics (BA ECON) (presented by: Frederica Shockley; Pete Tsournos) **and** Discontinue: Option in Environmental Economics (BA ECON) (presented by: Frederica Shockley; Pete Tsournos) **and** Discontinue: Option in International Economics (BA ECON) (presented by: Frederica Shockley; Pete Tsournos) **Action Item**
(Previously Items 4, 5, 6 on agenda.)
Tsournos and Schockley updated the total number of students by option:
Economics (general) 105 students, International Econ. 25, and Environmental Econ 14.

Tsournos gave summary of consultation with students as requested last week. A powerpoint presentation was given in environmental, international and general economics courses. It was explained to the students the changes were due to the loss of specialized faculty and not specifically driven by the loss of resources. Other reasons for the changes included the need for additional math and econometric courses, particularly since there are a lot of double majors in business and economics, the changes will reach a broader audience. Specific changes include the loss of a 400 level course, Pacific Rim Economics. International Finance (370) will become a 400 level course. Within the environmental economics option, the position held by Gallo was unable to be filled by an environmental economist, instead an expert in environmental development was hired. Econ 365 has evolved into a lower division course and two other courses will be lost. The new emphases in the major will be financial, quantitative economics, forecasting, and more math. Students voted 28/28 that they preferred the new program, 1/28 felt the changes would have an adverse impact on them, and 28/28 approved moving forward with the changes.

Support was voiced for the change, but a lamenting over the “cancer” that resulted in the reduction of faculty from 12 to 7 was also expressed.

Appreciation for the survey of the students.

Motion Approved.

5. Discontinue: Option in Gerontology (within BS Health Science) (presented by: Holly Nevarez; Diana Flannery) **Introduction Item**

Presented by Holly Nevarez. There is not enough skill to teach the major.

Comment: hopes that the nutrition courses will still be offered in the minor/certification in Social Work

Courses in the minor still supported.

question about polling students

students were advised they could have the double option.

Motion approved.

6. Discontinue: Option in Environmental Health (within BS Health Science) (presented by: Holly Nevarez; Diana Flannery) **Introduction Item**

Nvarez: EH is currently an option in Health Sciences, a hot topic and a good major, but unfortunately it has been realized that the goals of the program can not be reached. Students in the major were polled and they state that they have a career goal of being a Registered Environmental Health Scientist but completion of the program at Chico State does not allow them to sit for the State of California exam, because of the lack of certification at the appropriate level. In addition, some courses in the program are difficult to get as they are only offered once every two years. Students need to complete 300 hours of accompaniment with a REHS. Butte County has a REHS but to have students is considered a burden, and they can only take one student per semester. Surrounding counties cannot take the students due to the financial cost. Because of the lack of cert level at CSUC, students need to shadow a REHS for an additional nine months to be able to sit for the exam.

Q: Are there other programs in the state?

A: CSUN and CSUF. Due to the requirements, it has become apparent that CSUC will not be able to reach accreditation at the national level. In addition, risk management documents for the interns is also a barrier.

Q: How long has this been going on?

A: the program was approved in 2008 but it has been a problem.

Q: Can we send students to CSUN and CSUF?

A: we need option 5 certification.

Q: Do you need more support from the university?

Q: How many students in the pipeline?

A: 12-18 students. Internships can be waived and the courses can be replaced by other science courses

Q: how long do you plan to support the 18 students? Will you teach them out?

A: the biggest issue is that the interns are hard to place

Comment: Nursing also has problems placing rural interns in Butte County and they have to go to the surrounding counties.

Q: Is there any equivalency for internships?

A: yes, but we can't do it because our lack of accreditation at the right national level.

Comment: nursing students drive long distances

Q: Do Fresno and Northridge have similar problems?

Motion to discontinue the program carries.

7. Discontinue: Certificate in Emergency Medical Services Administration (within BS Health Science) (presented by: Holly Nevarez; Diana Flannery) **Introduction Item**

It has not been offered in 10 years. The essential courses are not offered.

Motion to discontinue carries.

A motion was made and seconded to suspend rules and consider this item as an Action item.

Motion for Suspension of rules passes

Motion carries as an action item.

8. Other

Much discussion about EMs. Information for program discontinuance procedures need to be updated on the web. Items will be dealt with in EPPC to be addressed without reopening the EM. Budgetary discontinuances EM and suspension documents may be combined in the future but also need reconciliation. Need to include polling of students. Web information needs to be in line with the EM. EMs go through extensive vetting process, EPPC cannot require new information not in the EM. Updating of web page information about discontinuation of programs is important so the process is fair to those presenting to make sure they are prepared to answer all questions. EMs generally state a policy with some generalized procedures. Lots of EMs are out-of-date and need review.

Some discussion about cleaning up the catalog in association with discontinuing the Economics options, course number, prerequisites. Important issue as it can lead to graduation problems.

9. Adjournment

Submitted by Secretary: K. Schierenbeck, edited by E. Boyd, October 18, 2013