

## February 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Holly Kralj, Rick Ford, Troy Cline. Chiara Ferrari, Annie Adamian. Pablo Bailey (absent). Melody Yeager, Sangmin Lee, Todd Gibson, Amy Magnus (Chiara Ferrari-proxy), Josh Moss, Logan Smith, Jaebong Son, Molly Calhoun (Rick Ford-proxy), Emily Huang, Hassan Salehi, Hope Munro (for Matt Miller—on sabbatical), Daniel Grassian, Nicol Gray, Brianna Ellis, Tawnie Peterson, Kara Maas

Meeting called to order: 2:34PM

1. Approve Minutes for February 2, 2023: approved
2. Approve Agenda for February 16, 2023: approved

### Action Items

3. Proposed EM: Policy on GPA Honors at Graduation – 2:45 pm Jason Nice

Guest Charlene Armitage: supplied by college information requested by Senator Ford at introduction.

#### Questions:

Senator Ford researched nationwide standards and found Chico State is not in line with mainstream nationwide either, not just at the CSU system level. Concern about grading being fair across colleges.

Hazzenzahl: Policy is fair, and glad to see change. There may be issues within college regarding fairness in grading. There are multiple factors that would affect a student's GPA especially first year of enrollment.

Charlene Armitage: There will be disparities, but disparities already exist.

Senator Moss question: What is the percentage of students who would graduate cum laude with new policy? Armitage response: 29% of the spring graduates would have received an honor.

Ford clarification: 29% is total, not just cum laude.

Call the vote: Yes: 19 No: 0 = pass

4. Proposed New Minor: Astronomy – Eric Ayers

Eric Ayers: Addressed questions from last time:

Direct cost: 6WTU a semester is minimal cost and maximum possible cost; most students will be taking this in addition to 2 new classes.

Indirect cost is zero; leveraging the expertise of new faculty.

Global impact: This minor allows students to benefit from greater science literacy; improves chances of success in getting jobs and becoming productive members of society.

Low barrier entry: no higher-level mathematics courses which has been a barrier for students

Questions? None

Call the vote: 20 yes; no opposition = pass

5. Proposed Discontinuation: Professional Accounting Certificate –

Saurev Dutta

Dr. Dutta: no additional information presented

Questions: None

Call the vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 = passed

6. Proposed New Option: MS in Nutrition, Option in Dietetics – Joan

Giampaoli

Giampaoli: Enrollment question about other CSUs from introduction: she is happy to get this information, but currently can't find it.

Grassian: Not needed for this time but would like to have it for Senate.

Call the vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 = passed

7. Proposed EM: Blended Bachelor's and Master's – Daniel Grassian

Introduction item questions:

Grassian changes: Question about blended programs would have distinct requirements from bachelor's and master's requirements? Response: Same requirements so changed language "existing" instead of "blended" to distinguish; only changes made in the proposal.

Questions:

Senator Yeager-Struthers: Transition phase? What happens to the current students currently in the master's program? It is the same degree and same requirements.

Grassian: Having a blended program is purely optional. Not all programs have to participate.

Ford: Pleased to see this, important change that will help a lot of students; was hopeful to double-count bachelor units toward masters. The rule is a max of 50% can be double-count; but clause in policy for blended programs states up to 12 units.

Motion by Ford to change proposal language: Grad "program" units change to grad "level" units.  
Senator Smith second.

Rationale: Clarity for type of courses that can be used to double count and it mirrors the language in the system-wide policy.

Senator Gray: Catalog states that 400 & 500 level courses able to count and can be considered graduate. Policy 18 units must be 600 level.

Senator Gray in the chat: "At least 18 of the units required for the degree in stand-alone 600-level courses (those not cross-listed with 400/500-level courses). In programs requiring more than 30 units, at least 60 percent of the units required for the degree must be in stand-alone 600-level courses."

Senator Cline question: 400 level class would be considered grad level and could double count?

Grassian response: Per Dean Barrios, "yes."

Senator Ford: Believes additional research necessary to clarify because still gray.

Motion to add "level after graduate: Yes: 20 No: 0 = motion passes

Senator Ford: Criteria for process establishing blended programs on the bottom of page 2. What constitutes a significant change? For example, if undergrad program changes to allow say 4 600 level alternatives to 400? Is this a significant change?

Grassian response: Depends: SLOs change? Courses change more than 25%? Most proposals would be considered minor, but why screening form was developed.

Senator Ford: If you use grad courses for elective would be minor change, but if you were to swap out in high unit major, would that be a significant change?

Grassian: Would still follow criteria in screening form.

Call the vote: Yes: 20 No:0 = passed

8. Proposed Elevation of Option to Degree in Physical Education and

Teacher Education (PETE) (Dept of Kinesiology) (also discontinuing option)

Dr. Mache: BA is out of compliance with 1071. To fix this, they are working to elevate PETE option to its own degree. The curriculum has not changed. Same coursework, faculty, infrastructure to support the program.

Questions:

Senator Ford: Outdoor Education Option seems to be more out of compliance with EO 1071 than PETE. What is happening with this?

Dr. Mache response: This elevation is also in response to accreditation for the PETE program and to meet requirements for the state. For Movement Studies option, working on major revisions to make it fit with other professions and aligning it with the PETE option doesn't make sense. The Outdoor Education option is problematic and trying to work on it.

Senator Gray: Outdoor Education option is currently suspended.

Senator Ford: AB 130 allows any undergraduate degree in physical education to automatically qualify for subject matter competence but a general kinesiology degree wouldn't.

Dr. Mache: Yes, subject matter competence is also a part of the rationale for the elevation to a stand-alone PETE degree. Physical education doesn't want general kinesiology to count for physical education.

Call the vote: Yes: 20 No: 0 = passed

Announcements: None

Other:

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Grassian: Have several suspended programs not following through. Not following policy and procedure to get programs to come back to EPPC to ask for an extension. There is no expiration date on a suspension.

Maas: There were programs suspended prior to the establishment of the suspended program policy. What happens with these programs?

Updates from ad hoc sub-committees:

a) EM-21-029: Use of Digital Technology in Teaching and Learning

Ferrari: Committee agreed to revise a couple of paragraphs in the policy. Since

committee work was completed, a couple of questions have come up that the committee feels perhaps they should get together again to address.

Q: Refers to choice of mode of instruction as collective choice by department. "What is a collective choice?" may differ from department to department. What is collective within the department? Should the department choose category? Broader category? Online can mean different things. Hybrid could mean different things. Is the department responsible for determining broader categories?

Will bring group back together one more time and resend to Marianne. Addressing WASC language and MOI was the task assigned and the committee doesn't want to open full policy. EC will determine if those revisions are good to go and where it goes after.

b) EM 02-010: Revisions to Certificate Programs:

Committee moving less quickly. No updates to give.

c) EM on Equity Gap Data Policy

Grassian: Moving slow on this. The sticky point the first time development of this policy was attempted was with regards to administrator access to course level data and whether the data could be used in the RTP process. This should be taken up by FASP.

Adjourned: 3:53pm.