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**MEETING MINUTES**

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Educational Policies and Programs Committee (EPPC)

Mahalley Allen, Chair

September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Start Time: 2:33 PM

Adjournment: 5:23 PM

Members Present: Adamian, Allen, Bailey, Buffardi, Coiner, Ellis, Ferrari, Ford, Horst, Gapa (Schartmueller), Grassian, Gray, Gruber, Kralj, Maas, Medic, Meehan, Millard, Miller (Altfeld-Fisher), Peterson, Salehi, Sanchez (Snyder), Seipel, Shepherd, Son

Members Absent: Perez, Unruh

Secretary: Kyle Horst

**Pre-Meeting Business:**

Meeting began with an introduction of new members, Chair discussed how voting will proceed this semester, specifically in regards to those voting by proxy.

Chair also mentioned the chat function has been limited. Private chats only directly to the Chair and VC are now permitted.

VC will take role at the beginning of the meeting.

Chair mentioned we will take periodic breaks throughout each meeting.

**1. Approve Minutes for August 27, 2020**

Approved without comment (2:43)

**2. Approve Agenda for September 10, 2020**

Approved without comment (2:43)

**3. EPPC Guidelines Approval**

Chair began discussion by overviewing proposed changes to the guidelines. Comment made as to whether or not specific numbers of representatives from certain committees should be specified. Guidelines were compared to Senate constitution in terms of specific membership.

Suggestion to remove the word “patterns” from section B, page 4 of the guidelines. Suggestion to remove requirement of EPPC member to serve on Library Advisory Committee. Further clarification and comparison of Senate constitution and EPPC guidelines.

**Vote:** Passed (19 in Favor, 0 opposed) (3:00PM)

**4. Introduction Item: New GE Minor in Agriculture, Food, and the Environment**

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair  
[EM 19-021](#)

Chair began discussion with reminding the committee about the distinction between introduction and action items. Guest presenter introduced. Guest Presenter overviewed the process of GE overhaul and the redesign of GE minors, including the process of collecting feedback from stakeholders. Presenter also discussed how the implementation of the newly required ethnic studies component will happen simultaneously with the approval and implementation of the new GE, including the GE minors. Chair noted changes made to the minor proposal form specific to these set of GE minors.

Guest presenter noted changes to the minor under consideration from last year’s discussion in EPPC. Recommendation made to add “Fall/Spring Only” to courses listed on all proposals. Clarification requested as to the “note” listed below courses. Question about which courses in all proposals for the GE minor are offered in multiple GEs and whether that might create a bottleneck. Presenter believes courses are only offered in one minor, but will investigate for next meeting.

**Vote:** Passed (22 in favor, 0 opposed) (3:19 PM)

**5. Introduction Item: Discontinuation of GE Minor in Food Studies**

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair  
[EM 19-021](#)

Chair clarified changes to the discontinuation form.

**Vote:** Passed (22 in favor, 0 against) (3:20PM)

**6. Introduction Item: New GE Minor in Equity, Ethics, and Policy**

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair  
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Guest Presenter noted the implementation of the ethnic studies requirement might possibly impact this proposal, but we won't know exactly how until the requirements are fully revealed. Comment about the statement "choose from 3 different areas" but only one area presented. Guest presenter noted this as a clerical error. Clarification requested about how this proposal might interfere with the new ethnic studies implementation. Guest Presenter notes the ethnic studies requirement will likely replace one lower division area D course, this proposal was designed with the assumption students needing two. Request made for a copy of the Chancellor's recent memo about the ethnic studies implementation.

**Vote:** ( 22 in favor, 0 opposed) (3:36PM)

**7. Introduction Item: Discontinuation of GE Minor Ethics, Justice, and Policy**

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair  
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**Vote:** (19 in favor, 0 opposed) (3:37PM)

**8. Introduction Item: New GE Minor in Gender and Sexuality**

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair  
[EM 19-021](#)

Guest presenter noted a request from the Provost to avoid too much "double counting" with other program requirements in the design in the GE minors. Support voiced for the clarification about the distinction between this proposed minor and the minor in MCGS. Concern voiced about a possible confusion with the term "subject area" as a reference to areas of the GE. Question as to whether this minor might compete with MCGS. Presenter noted the chair of MCGS supports this minor. Further concern voiced about the overlap between this proposal and a similar MCGS minor, specifically that this GE minor may deter students from the other minor.

**Vote:** (16 in favor, 2 opposed) (3:46PM)

**9. Introduction Item: Discontinuation of GE Minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies**

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair  
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**Vote:** (17 in favor, 0 opposed) (3:49PM)

**10. Introduction Item: New GE Minor in Global Studies**

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair  
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Question as to whether the proposal's variable unit load might cause issue. Comment that it should not be a problem. Question as to why this proposal includes many more course options compared to other proposals. Guest presenter notes the design was to capture student's desire to study both the "developing" and "developed" world within the course options.

**Vote:** (19 in favor, 1 opposed) (4:04PM)

**11. Introduction Item: Discontinuation of GE Minor in Global Development Studies**

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair  
[EM 19-021](#)

**Vote:** Passed ( 20 in favor, 0 opposed) (4:05PM)

**12. Introduction Item: New GE Minor in Health and Wellness**

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair  
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**Vote:** Passed ( 19 in favor, 0 opposed) (4:09PM)

**13. Introduction Item: Discontinuation of GE Minor in Health and Wellness Studies**

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair  
[EM 19-021](#)

**Vote:** Passed ( 19 in favor, 1 opposed) (4:11PM)

**14. Introduction Item: New GE Minor in Race, Ethnicity, and Sovereignty**

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair  
[EM 19-021](#)

Guest presenter read statement on the proposal about how this minor differs from other minors offered in other programs. Again, it is noted that there may be potential impact on this proposal from the new ethnic studies GE requirement.

**Vote:** Passed (20 in favor, 0 opposed)(4:18PM)

**15. Introduction Item: Discontinuation of GE Minor in Diversity Studies**

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair  
[EM 19-021](#)

**Vote:** Passed (19 in favor, 0 opposed)(4:19PM)

**16. Introduction Item: New GE Minor in Science, Technology, and Society**

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair  
[EM 19-021](#)

Guest presenter notes changes to proposal from last EPPC discussion. Question as to the apparent lack of “technology” focus in upper division course offerings. Presenter recalls CAB’s comments that the proposal needed fewer purely science oriented courses, but will reference notes on the past discussion. Comment about course offerings seem to be from departments less focused on the minor subject (i.e. technology and science). Comment about departments not being allowed to create courses for the GE minor, which explains why there are not more courses here from ECC. Request for a list of the courses considered for this minor.

**Vote:** Passed (17 in favor, 3 opposed) (4:29 PM)

**17. Introduction Item: Discontinuation of GE Minor in Science, Technology, and Values**

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair  
[EM 19-021](#)

**Vote:** Passed (17 in favor, 3 opposed) (4:31 PM)

**18. Introduction Item: New GE Minor in Sustainability and Climate Change**

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair  
[EM 19-021](#)

Guest presenter notes changes to proposal from last EPPC discussion. Question about why a potential ECC course was also not included in this minor. Presenter notes the call for courses is still in process (delayed due to COVID) and there may be additional course options added. Comment as to the minor listing many GEOS courses. Suggestion that “climate justice” oriented courses be considered as a possible addition. It was noted that some departments did not propose courses for these

minors. Guest presenter noted his desire that faculty teaching these courses could determine the direction of the minor in the future. Comment about how pre-requisites may limit the course offerings in upper division in the minors. Clarification that upper division courses can have pre-reqs so long as the pre-req is also a GE class. Question as to whether or not psychology offered a possible course.

**Vote:** Passed (20 in favor, 2 opposed)(4:41PM)

**19. Introduction Item: Discontinuation of GE Minor in Sustainability Studies**

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair  
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Comment about this minor containing a course from ECC, but the previously approved minor does not include a course from this college. Clarification that ECC proposed a course for the upper division pathway but not for the minor. Comment in support to consider more department course offerings for the previous proposal.

**Vote:** (17 in favor, 6 opposed) (4:51PM)

**20. Introduction Item: New GE Minor in Innovation, Design, and the Arts**

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair  
[EM 19-021](#)

Question as to which department teaches TECH 381. Clarification that the course is run through ECC associate dean. Suggestion that CSCI 431 be used for the upper division B requirement and the TECH 380 moved to a requirement to another minor. Clarification that the CSCI 431 is better suited as a social science course. Comment about adding more ECC courses to this minor. Additional support for more courses from more colleges to be represented in the minor. Comment that course proposals from colleges was variable. Question as to where the distinction between upper division and lower division courses is defined. Links provided to where the distinction can be found:  
[https://csuip.calstate.edu/customtags/ct\\_FileRetrieve.cfm?File\\_ID=647](https://csuip.calstate.edu/customtags/ct_FileRetrieve.cfm?File_ID=647)

<https://www.csuchico.edu/pres/em/2017/17-012.shtml>

**Vote:** Passed (22 in favor, 0 Opposed )(5:04PM)

**21. Introduction Item: Discontinuation of GE Minor in International Studies**

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair  
[EM 19-021](#)

Chair clarified this proposal does not necessarily have an equivalent new proposal. Question as to why there is no companion proposal. Guest presenter notes that the previously discussed proposal in item 10 is of a similar subject.

**Vote:** (22 in favor, 0 opposed) (5:08 PM)

**22. Introduction Item: New GE Minor in California Studies**

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair  
[EM 19-021](#)

Guest presenter notes one of the courses listed is listed in the wrong place and will change before item comes to Action. Question as to if there is overlap with another minor offered in social science. Proposal does have fewer than half of the courses overlapping with another minor. Suggestion about the consideration of foreign language as a possible course offering in this minor. Question as to whether new courses can be added at a later time. Guest presenter confirms. Additional concern about this GE minor overlapping with an existing minor.

**Vote:** Passed (20 in favor, 3 opposed) (5:17 PM)

**23. Introduction Item: Discontinuation of GE Minor in Great Books and Ideas**

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair  
[EM 19-021](#)

Comment about the definition of Great Books being fluid and not including books in science and technology.

**Vote:** Passed (22 in favor, 1 opposed) (5:20PM)

**24. Announcements and Other**

- Tomorrow at 8AM is the UBC meeting
- See the link for upcoming events from the FDEV Office:  
<https://www.csuchico.edu/fdev/index.shtml>
- Virtual Study Abroad Fair coming up – Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
<https://www.csuchico.edu/studyabroad/>
- CSU has made a deal with Elsevier to provide free access to CSU authored material.

25. **Adjourn** (5:23)