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MEETING MINUTES

Educational Policies and Programs Committee (EPPC)

Mahalley Allen, Chair

SUBJ: EPPC AGENDA – September 17, 2020, 2:30 p.m.

Attendance:

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

ABSENT- Perez,

Pre-business Meeting 2:31 start	
1. Approve Minutes for September 10, 2020 Any comments about Agenda? No comments. Minutes approved.	[Attachment 1]
2. Approve Agenda for September 17, 2020 Comments about Agenda? Agenda approved, no comments	[Attachment 2]
3. Action Item: New GE Minor in Agriculture, Food, and the Environment Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair	

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[\[Attachment 3a-b\]](#)

Action Item: Explain what it means to be an action item. If we vote to approve, we will move to send it to the senate. If we do not, then we kill the approval. If we don't want to kill the approval, we have other options. Vote to postpone. Can do it indefinitely. Usually used when we want things to add to it. Today we are voting to recommend them for the Senate to consider.

Not going to bring up a signature sheet for each one, they are in the box folder.

All GE minors in word.

This is the GE minor for Agriculture, Food, and the Environment. Jason can tell us if he made any changes.

Following conversation last week, it was noted that fall and spring were missing. Those were only edits. Those were fixed and added.

Any discussion?

No discussion,

Ready to vote.

Proxy system. If you have a proxy and vote the same as your proxy, then both go to the participant list to more, and use the blue thumbs up. If split vote, just raise your hand.

18 yes, three blue thumbs,

24 yes 0 no

passes

4. Action Item: Discontinuation of GE Minor in Food Studies
Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair
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Forms are the same for every discontinuation minor.

Any discussion about discontinuation?

Pointed out that there is a typo in each one. It says, EM 19-01 should be EM 19-021

Ready to vote:

23 yes 0 no

passes

5. Action Item: New GE Minor in Equity, Ethics, and Policy

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair
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[[Attachment 5a-b](#)]

Any changes?

Mistake on top of page four, parenthesis for humanities 200, Friendly amendment.

Called editorial.

Any discussion?

In upper division B, course with XXX, can we pass on a minor when we don't have a real course number? Always told new courses must have number to pass along.

Sometimes new courses are contingent. Seen it happen both ways. Often college doesn't want to make a course unless the minor gets approved.

Not knowing what is in the course makes it hard to know if we should pass it.

On top of page 3, a list of courses proposed. The catalog description is submitted for the new course there.

Additional question about course without number. # upper division, all required, If we only have one under area B, can we actually pass this if we don't have any course in this area? Wouldn't that be a bigger issue. Do we have a different course that could be offered in Upper Division area B?

Must have 9 units. If they are missing a course, then the advisory board must find a course. This is how it has worked for past ten years.

We won't see another option at this point?

The proposal doesn't have another option. The student will take these three.

If GEOS course is not approved, no number yet. Do we know that we have a different course that could be offered?

This will be a same with Race, Ethnicity, and Biology too.

For clarification, say we pass this, can we get another course that could be potentially offered?

Ultimately, we are governed by EM 19021. It has to have all three or must have substitution.

When will we see these course proposals. Is it submission that we will see soon?

Several things Department Chairs are working on. Could be some changes.

A lot could change

Ready to vote:

24 yes, 0 no

passes.

6. Action Item: Discontinuation of GE Minor Ethics, Justice, and Policy
Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair
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[\[Attachment 6\]](#)

Discussion:

No discussion

Vote

22 yes, 0 no

7. Action Item: New GE Minor in Gender and Sexuality
Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair
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A few minor changes.

As instructed by EPPC, Jason reached out to Chair of MCGS, Susan Green and Sara Cooper. Responded with a statement:

Here is the statement Jason read from Sara Cooper, associate chair of MCGS:

"The MCGS Curriculum Committee has been working on a structural revision and refinement of focus For the Sexual Diversity Studies Minor since last fall. We intend to submit the minor change proposal this month for the curriculum cycle. We are deleting all courses that don't focus primarily

on LGBTQIA2S+ (like BIOL 323) as well as adding some that do. The full faculty is of one mind on this.

Here is our draft new title and description for the minor, approved by the curriculum committee but not yet vetted for exact phrasing.

Queer/Trans Studies Minor (QTST)

The Queer/Trans Studies Minor analyzes historical and contemporary non-heteronormative individuals, communities, cultures, and activist movements through an intersectional lens. Courses in the minor center lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer and/or questioning, intersex, asexual, two-spirit, and more (LGBTQIA2S+) voices and experiences, especially those of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)."

No discussion,

Vote:
22 yes 1 no
Passes

8. Action Item: Discontinuation of GE Minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair
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Any discussion?
No discussion

Vote:
21 yes 0 no
Passes

9. Action Item: New GE Minor in Global Studies

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair
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[\[Attachment 9a-b\]](#)

Any changes:
Just GE in front of area in catalog.

Any discussion,
No discussion
Vote
22 yes and 2 no
passes

10. Action Item: Discontinuation of GE Minor in Global Development Studies

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair
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[\[Attachment 10\]](#)

Any discussion?
No Discussion

Vote:
24 yes 0 no
Passes

11. Action Item: New GE Minor in Health and Wellness

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair
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[\[Attachment 11a-b\]](#)

Any changes? Add the word GE to page 3 and two places in Catalog.

Any discussion?
No discussion

Vote:
22 yes 0 no

12. Action Item: Discontinuation of GE Minor in Health and Wellness Studies

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair
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[\[Attachment 12\]](#)

Any discussion?
No discussion

Vote:

24 yes 0 no
Passes

13. Action Item: New GE Minor in Race, Ethnicity, and Sovereignty
Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair
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[\[Attachment 13a-b\]](#)

Jason: "GE" on page 3 and in catalog copy.

Any discussion?

Regarding the previous. There is a Biology course without a number in area B here too.

Can Jason explain? How was it decided if a class was a best fit for one,
This course looks a good fit for the California Minor too.

CAB felt it was a good fit and in consultation with biology they agreed.
It may end up in the UD Pathway, but not in the minor. This will be
discussed in CAB this week.

No further discussion

Vote:

20 yes and 0 no

Passes

14. Action Item: Discontinuation of GE Minor in Diversity Studies
Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair
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[\[Attachment 14\]](#)

Any discussion?

No discussion

Vote:

25 yes and 0 no

Passes

15. Action Item: New GE Minor in Science, Technology, and Society
Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair
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[\[Attachment 15a-b\]](#)

Jason: same GE changes
EPPC requested for courses proposed. Attached with agenda.
Page two of that document. Red courses are ones included. The first time it came to EPPC as discussion
B1 and C1 were added after EPPC feedback.
ENGL 350W included because of USD
RELS included for global culture per rules of EM....missed this part

Discussion: One theme I see with all minors, title is consistent with the content. Take first one, it is agriculture and it includes a lot of courses in AG.

This one, missing courses in ECC. You could take this minor without taking any ECC course, one natural science, and two behavioral. Most courses not in the college that most matches the theme. This is simply a renaming of previous minor that was Science Tech and Values, and calling it Science Technology and Society.

Previous was better title because the predominant focus was in values, not in science.

Postpone this action item, to try to make a more deliberate effort to include classes. I know CAB was encouraged not to get a new flood of courses, but there is no consistency with title and the content. Maybe CAB can request a new title.

I don't feel comfortable saying someone can get a minor in Science and Technology without taking any technology courses.

Clarification: CAB would not change the name. EPPC would change the name. It would come from one of our members as a vote to change the name.

Jason: There is a path where students take all ECC in the lower division. Name: A lot of consultation from students and employers. It was put forth as an accepted name. I would be reluctant to change name without considering the consultations. It is provided on GE website.

Another attachment from agenda concerned the courses from ECC in general. CAB recommended every single course ECC submitted. They make sure that area B included Tech and Science, CAB didn't get the proposal. Would like to see more, but they were not put forward.

We were told that no new courses were allowed to be proposed. This was what was communicated to the college. We were not at all encouraged to submit new courses. Not sure how to react from this comment from what they heard from their college.

Heard this from Associate Dean back in January.
Chairs received the call. Jason met with Chairs and deans.

Is there a possibility that students take this, by making the lower division ones as requirements.

Originally was only for Area C2 D and E
B2 was added and C1 was added after discussion.
CAB having non policy policy for three courses in each area.

Reminder, if anyone wants to make a change, it is up to us.

Love to hear from representatives from ECC. Those are the people talking.

Minor hasn't drastically changed, but what would TECH 380 offered as an option, maybe not required, but in addition to BIOL course.

Jason, for some of the TECH and computer science they proposed them for both minors. I can look back and see if has it.

That is a tech courses, we have a lapse, and that would momentarily allow them to have a course and give them time to talk and realize they are allowed to propose new courses. In the next year, the college could propose a new course that makes sense. Having TECH in area B.

My concern is that we create all these barriers and roles and strategies. We create constraints that result in not having the best courses. These minors are a lot better.

For example, in a minor on Race and social justice, etc. I am surprised that the best course we can find in Science is CA ethnobotany. It seems to me there could be so much more race related to science. I don't know why departments are not proposing courses.

Often as a university we are not looking at this holistically, what is the best courses for this minor. Not what we already have. We create more constraints than we should.

Not a comments against CAB, they are doing what they can. But I wish we had courses to propose for the topics we are choosing.

Agree, with one additional thing, One qualm is not just more ECC, the external validity not feeling, it could be easy to go through with very little thinking about as a scientists. It seems were are doing a disservice if students don't have that and that is a requirement to make sure they get those categories.

I get impression CABs hands were tied. We are not doing it justice by giving it a superficial change.

Respond: Cab hands weren't tied. Trying to be equitable with everyone. If CAB would have cherry picked courses, that would have been a much worse outcome. I don't think there is value in the rules to keep it equal. The CA ethnobotany was exceptional. We heard from other departments and scientists that said they don't believe in race.

In Catalog to call it a "Minor in" or a "GE minor", but these are interdisciplinary GE minor. It is a mix of many different things.

I am failing to know what the expectations. The minor is interdisciplinary. It is suppose to have this various content. We can't have a GE minor with content coming from that college.

I am looking at social media is tech, evolution is science. This seems like a well-rounded minor. It seems like this is a really good start for this GE minor that we can build on. I don't understand the issue. It seems CAB did what they are supposed to do in making a well-rounded minor.

When new call for courses. how are new courses added to GE minors if new courses are proposed. EM 19021 has a process of who we talk with to issue a call.

Could make call for more area B to see if ECC does submit more courses for area B

I found TECh 380, it was proposed for both minors. But in Innovation because no other courses were proposed for area B in that area.

Tech 380 came from college, when decisions was made, there was discussion. EM 19-021 requires to look for courses already existed before making call for new courses.

Will new courses

in area C and D, they were decided by USD and global cultures. Every minor had to have this. It was difficult to get there.

There needed to be an upper division course

Em says that the curriculum of each minor USD and GC requirements are required. ENGL 350 W is a USD course. We have to ensure they take the USD because it must have that for the minor.

UD-B, including more options. It would have more harm than good. The UD-B is the one natural science course in the upper division. It is good to have students required to get upper division science course. I don't see diverse perspectives. It is people outside of science talking about science. Doesn't give you the inside perspective. Most of the views are from HFA in particular.

At the lower division there is only one HFA course.

I would still expect that the majority of courses would be from ECC, BSS, and NS.

Jason, drop technology would not right, but it could be science and society, but dropping the Tech courses.

Would it be appropriate to put a hold on this.

There would need to be a call for a motion.

EM would not allow for another call at this point.

Other minors would go forward and this would be on hold.

Not having minor, would be not having the pathway. Those courses would no longer be in that pathways. Those courses would go to another pathway.

That means, if this doesn't go forward. It would only work if we rejected the minor.

I believe the pathway has to have the same name as the minor.

Em 19-021 quoted about having the same name.

It seems like we should leave title, move forward to vote. Pass it, and then they can see what they need to do and add classes in the future, but we should move forward now with this.

More context: My concern, this minor is about science, technology, and society. It is there, and some what rounded. The message this feels like this is courses IN science, versus ABOUT science.

Being a scientist, and seeing people write about science all the time. I am worried about students who say they have a major In, when it is a major ABOUT.

Could there be a motion to rename the former. Hate to lose the whole idea of the pathway. Is there an opportunity to make what is there.

Could we keep the previous if we don't vote it out? We do not have a proposal to change the title to the previous.

Our option is to make changes to this, vote to accept, vote to not accept, or vote to postpone. But we don't have proposal for previous minor.

We do have ability to make programmatic changed for more ECC in this minor. Not in CABs ability, but can start conversation. There was conversation about the TECH courses. They are in the minor and they can be changed to be brought more into the minor. There is a way to address these, but not on paper currently.

TECH courses were taught by ECC faculty.
YEs, TECh 180 has history of being taught with faculty in ECC.

For students, we could get new courses before the minor shows up in catalog. 23-24 catalog. so there is time for new course proposed if proposed this coming year.

what happens if we vote and it doesn't pass. It will be failed. CAB will have to bring back. This year is possible.

vote:
18 yes and 6 no
passes

16. Action Item: Discontinuation of GE Minor in Science, Technology, and Values

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair
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[\[Attachment 16\]](#)

Discussion:
No discussion

Vote: 16 yes and 3 no
passes

17. Action Item: New GE Minor in Sustainability and Climate Change
Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair
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[\[Attachment 17a-b\]](#)

EPPC requested courses and that was included on PDF on page 3
Note that History 341 as a W is in proposal.
GEOS 330 is offered as not a W and so they had to insure the W per EM

Discussion:

No discussion

Vote:

24 yes and 0 opposed
passes.

18. Action Item: Discontinuation of GE Minor in Sustainability Studies
Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair
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[\[Attachment 18\]](#)

Discussion?

No discussion

Vote 24 yes and 0 no
passes

19. Action Item: New GE Minor in Innovation, Design, and the Arts
Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair
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[\[Attachment 19a-b\]](#)

Jason, Same thing, GE added.

Course proposals were requested and attached in page one of that
document.

Discussion:

No discussion

Vote: 25 yes and 0 no
passes

20. Action Item: Discontinuation of GE Minor in International Studies
Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair
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[\[Attachment 20\]](#)

Discussion:
No discussion:
Vote: 25 yes and 0 no.
Passes

21. Action Item: New GE Minor in California Studies
Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair
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[\[Attachment 21a-b\]](#)

Changes: There was an error, one course was in AREA D it should have been in Area C2. Was discussion from all people and they agreed that it could be C1 and CAB voted electronically to approve this change to move FLNG/CHLX/HUMN 254: Chicana/o Arts and Ideas to C1.

Talk with Chair of Social Sciences contacted the Dean about the overlap and Dean Vela said I could read this statement:

“The existing minor in the current SOSC isn't well enrolled for understandable reasons: it isn't prominent, nor it is recognized as a typical minor. Using the title in GE makes the topic more prominent, and the content probably more appealing. More generally, I think it could be argued that the proposed GE minor forwards university strategic priorities of inclusion and diversity.

CAB came to us about using what they thought was a perfect/good title for the pathway. As good university citizens, we worked with CAB to help make it happen because it made sense to us. We already were in the process of rethinking some of our curriculum, and this move made sense in the larger picture.”

How many double count with programs, 2 of 6.

Adding languages under the C2 requirement. I would like to see languages added to C2 as another way to meet the requirement. Should we add only mone language or all.

Over 200 languages represented in CA, we could just do Spanish. CAB can discuss.

Languages did count for all minor, now just Global Studies and could be this one.

Is the appropriate to start by reaching out to Language and try to get someone to bring this forward. I would appreciate guidance from EPPC.

Chatted with Chair of Language and she was very supportive and would support.

How do you want to proceed? Have CAB look at it, and see if Dr. Golding would make a formal request to Senate.

If EPPC feels this is fair for all colleges, then yes.

We would be asking CAB to go back and reach out to one department for one minor and we are not doing this for any other minor. What are the implications for the process?

It is not CAB, it should be EPPC. We should reach out. It is great but this is now an EPPC item. If there is a motion, if this is being considered. There is a right for EPPC to make those inquiries.

It is up to EPPC member or senate to bring it up as a motion either today or action at senate.

I move to add languages as an option to the C2 area in this pathway the same as all languages listed in the languages in the minor of Global Studies. Every language except ENGL 250.

ARAB 101A
ARAB 102A
ARAB 201
ARAB 202
EFLN 170
FREN 101
FREN 102
FREN 201
FREN 202
GERM 101
GERM 102
GERM 201
GERM 202
ITAL 101
ITAL 102
ITAL 201
ITAL 202
JAPN 101
JAPN 102
JAPN 201
JAPN 202
RUSS 101A
RUSS 102A
SPAN 101
SPAN 102
SPAN 201
SPAN 201N

Procedural Question: We are not in the business of adding or subtracting classes in these proposals. Is this right, could anyone have added classes to any.
yes, they can put a motion up for vote.

We would reach out to department to get official statement. I am not opposed to motion, but I thought the discussion about about exploring the possibility and if it is a possibility then lets bring it to Senate. If we want to make addendum that is fine. Don't need to get into the weeds, but I think EPPC has the right to determine if the overall intent of the minor is met through certain courses. The conversation should be about does the minor meet the learning objectives. Should courses be added versus yes we are missing these areas. And yet we shouldn't just accept them either if they do not meet the goal or learning objectives.

Do we want to include all languages or just focus in on Spanish, and tribal indigenous languages.

Missing ASL in the proposal. But agree with being specific about languages.

Yes, not all these languages are as prevalent, but understand that some are more prevalent in CA.

Problematic to propose a course without even a statement from the department. Better route for that department to propose courses when a new call comes out. Might be better discussion about which languages in that call. The value of languages is big and talked about in the past too.

Computer science also has a language too that is very relevant to CA and would like to add programming languages to the proposal too.

Vote on the motiong to add the languages.
Vote: 5 yes and 16 no the motion does not pass.

Back to item 21.
No more discussion

Vote: 20 yes and 1 no.

Item passes.

22. Action Item: Discontinuation of GE Minor in Great Books and Ideas
Guest Presenter: Dr. Jason Nice, Curriculum Advisory Board Chair
[EM 19-021](#)

[\[Attachment 22\]](#)

Discussion:

No discussion:

Vote

21 yes and 0 no

Passes

23. Announcements and Other

Really appreciate that we are doing this especially on Zoom. Thank you Jason for being here.

Jason, to thank EPPC for reading these proposals very closely.

Global Conference on Sustainability. Our campus is host and everyone on campus can attend for free. Great opportunity.

one key note is our book in common author at the conference.

Study abroad fair need the 23rd, link available at Study Abroad website.

Friday Forum vote like your community depends on it. FDEV and CE coming together.

How policy can affect your discipline.

AS, we started out lacking a senator, we don't have our ECC senator. We sent out information to get them to apply. Today was the deadline. We extended the deadline another week to get more interest and to get a student who will be around. Please let students know.

Student Senator from ECC is needed.

We are adjourned at 5:01

24. Adjourn 5:01

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