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TO: Educational Policies and Programs Committee

FROM: Doris Schartmueller, Secretary

DATE: January 28, 2021

SUBJ: EPPC Minutes, January 28, 2021, 2:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Grassian

1. Approve Minutes for November 19, 2020

The minutes were approved (2:34).

2. Approve Agenda for January 28, 2021

The agenda was approved (2:35).

3. Action Item: New Minor in Biomedical Engineering

*Guest Presenters: Hassan Salehi, Meghdad Hajimorad, and Kathleen Meehan, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering*

Guest introduction by Meghdad Hajimorad:

Addressed concerns from previous EPPC meeting on pg. 9 in green font:

- First paragraph: Added a clarification about the high number of units for minor: made prerequisites more explicit and added additional commentary on that
- Second paragraph: Added more information about the choice of electives for this minor.
- Links were added at the bottom to other schools with similar programs

No questions from the audience.

Voting: 23 in favor, 0 opposed → Passed as action item.

4. Discussion Item: Interim EM on General Education Program and [AS-3462-20/FA](#) ASCSU Opposition and Amendments to Title 5 Ethnic Studies Policy

Allen explains the purpose of the Interim EM: Interim EM has 6-12-months timeline and would allow the campus to work on other important issues in the meantime, for example the future of the U.S. Diversity (USD) requirement.

Ford notes that it is possible to implement AB1460 and use Interim EM to make it fit for Chico.

Maas will submit minor editorial changes for Interim EM to Allen. For example, on pg. 3 “across five areas” needs to be changed to “across six areas.”

Meehan asks about existing EM and whether the Interim EM means that USD requirement will be kept. Allen points out that this has not been decided yet and will be addressed in CAB. Meehan wants the future of the USD requirement to be discussed more openly with different chairs on campus.

Millard asks about the impact on students if a new catalog was used. Ford explains that a student has right to move to a new catalog but they are not required to. Ferguson/Armitage add that a student could change their GE catalog, but that Chico State does not have a mechanism in place currently to do that. A new catalog could create a lot of confusion for students and advisors.

Snyder points out that if the Area F course meets the USD requirement, it needs to be made transparent to students, so they know what is expected from them for graduation.

Meehan is concerned about adding the USD requirement on top of an Area F requirement. Many departments would be concerned about it and so would be students.

Millard adds that CAB has collected feedback through college representatives on USD requirement and that the discussion is still ongoing. Ford: CAB will make recommendation to Senate about USD requirement after next week’s meeting.

Ferrari asks for clarification about what the editorial change of adding “Area F” in the Interim EM means for the USD requirement. The USD conversation has not happened yet in EPPC, so adding “Area F” to the Interim EM would not mean that a USD requirement is maintained.

Miller: students would have different GE contracts over the next three years which could add to confusion, also for advisors. Armitage adds that constant changes would also make it more confusing for transfer students to follow a catalog.

Ford mentions that a catalog change is required to not give incoming students conflicting messages. Allen adds that the Interim EM would allow Chico State to be in compliance with the new law.

Nice: FASP is also having a conversation about the Interim EM.

5. Announcements and Other

No announcements.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned (3:10).