



MINUTES

TO: Educational Policies and Programs Committee
FROM: Joe Crotts, Chair
DATE: July 11, 2017
SUBJ: **EPPC MINUTES – April 20, 2017, Kendall Hall room 207, 2:30 p.m.**

Jed Wyrick, Secretary Du Jour

Members present: Aird, Allen, Camacho, Crotts, Ferrari, Fleet, Hammer, Kemper (Roll), Kim, Loker, Ponarul, Roll, Rowberg, Scheer (Rowberg), Schierenbeck, Selvester, Wyrick

1. Approve minutes for April 06, 2017.
The minutes were approved.

2. Approve agenda for September April 20, 2017.
Loker requested to change agenda to ask University Writing Committee to be the first committee report, a change that was adopted. The agenda was approved as amended.

3. Announcements.

Loker announced that April 7 is the Chico Great Debate on the Role of Activism in Society in the City Council chambers. He also announced the E-Portfolio Expo on April 28 3-5:00 pm in THMA 116. Schierenbeck announced the Science March on April 22. “How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying” was announced to take place on May 3-7 at Laxson Auditorium. Crotts discussed the name change to the B.S. in Science Education, a change that had been approved by the Academic Senate. The Chancellor’s Office did not allow the name change because the CSU cannot award baccalaureate degrees in professional education.

4. Action Item: Name Change for the Minor in Exercise Science to Sport Performance.
Presenters included Kinesiology faculty members Kevin Patton, Josh Trout, Jack Azevedo, and Steve Henderson. They discussed the student population in the minor: a small segment goes into paramedic fields and others go into physical training. The change to the minor is prompted by the fact that athletes can now only be trained by exercise training specialists; so this gives students in the minor another career possibility. Further, sport performance is now a field of its own. The existing Exercise Science minor is not going to help them in their careers. It was asked why the program was being increased to 28 units (from 22-24 units), but this change to the minor was not technically part of what was being considered (since it had already been classified as a minor rather than a significant change).

The Name Change for the Minor in Exercise Science to Sport Performance was approved.

5. Action Item: Writing Across the Curriculum.

Chris Fosen presented on the item. Crotts pointed out that passing this item includes passing two other documents: EM 10-001 and EM 08-025. Questions from the committee largely centered on procedures for challenging W courses, including the impact of such challenges on faculty workload. Loker made a motion to strike “from the student’s major” from the 3rd paragraph under the heading “The University Writing Requirement.” The motion carried. There was further discussion on whether there should be a provision for students to challenge a second W course.

The Writing Across the Curriculum was approved.

6. Discussion Item: Graduate Initiative 2025 Plan

Loker reviewed the plan. A concern was raised about the way the graduate initiative doesn’t fully recognize the economic difficulties faced by students. There was a request to see more about students who are under stress, including those with food or home insecurity. There was some discussion of intentional winter and summer course offerings, the meaning of HIPs (High Impact Practices), making more explicit what barriers to graduation currently exist, and finding out from students what barriers exist. Loker acknowledged that there are not enough student voices in the report.

7. Discussion Item: Name Change: MESA Engineering Program to Chico STEMS Connections Collaborative – CSC²

Paul Villegas (Director of the MESA Engineering Program) presented, explaining that MEP (MESA Engineering Program) is also known as MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement). However, MESA is just a funder; moreover, if CSUC doesn’t accept the \$10,000 grant, the name can’t be used any more. Villegas further explained that CSC² -- Chico STEM Connections Collaborative -- is an umbrella organization, and that MESA students come in from the high schools and community colleges and so this state program will still be a component of CSC².

8. Committee Reports.

The following reports were given to EPPC: The University Writing Committee (Fosen), the All University Responsibility for Teacher Education Committee (AURTEC) (Crotts), the Curriculum Advisory Board (Ferrari), the Graduate Council (Ferrari), and the Liberal Studies Program Advisory Council (Selvester).

9. Other.

It was announced that AB 387 has been introduced to the California Assembly. The proposal is that students will be paid by the clinical facilities in which they do their clinical work. Faculty warned about the adverse impact of this proposal. In addition, Joe Crotts was warmly thanked for his efforts chairing EPPC this year.

10. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jed Wyrick