



MEMORANDUM

TO: Educational Policies and Programs Committee
FROM: Chiara Ferrari, Chair
DATE: February 21, 2018
SUBJ: EPPC Minutes– February 8, 2018, Kendall 207/209, 2:30 p.m.

Members Present: Selvester (McConkey*), Ferrari, Cross, Allen (Boyd), Connolly, Kim, Thompson (Miller), Watkins, McConkey*, Shepherd, Hostetter-Lewis, Rowberg, Schierenbeck, Millard, Cooper, Loker, Hassenzahl, Hammer, Camacho, Strozzi-Heckler, Soudan.

*McConkey arrived during item 3.

Not Present: Roll

Meeting called to order at 2:32

1. Approved Minutes for January 25, 2018
2. Approved Agenda for February 8, 2018
3. **Introduction item:** Transfer the Interdisciplinary Gerontology Minor and Certificate from the School of Social Work to Social Science and Special Programs
(guest presenters: David Bassett and Eugenie Rovai)
Both departments agree transfer is beneficial. Program still needed and growing need—expanding number and
Query: 7 people in minor, 1 in certificate. Is certificate needed?
Answer: huge and growing need for expertise in gerontology; certificate has an internship; may not be any savings to eliminate certificate; no change in administrative load
Query: why would someone want certificate instead of minor.
Answer: skilled nursing facility, for example. Minor not as recognized.
Internship required.
There is a group on campus advocating the program.
Voice vote: approved by acclamation, one opposed.
Motion to suspend rules
14 in favor

No additional comments from presenter

Query: how many people in minor and certificate.

Answer: 7 in minor, 1 in certificate

Query: why not eliminate minor?

Answer: Eligibility higher standard for certificate (2.0 GPA vs 2.5 GPA)

Voice vote: by acclamation, 1 opposed

Will be at Faculty Senate next week

4. **Action item:** Discontinuation of Certificate in Teaching Critical Thinking
(guest presenter: Zanja Yudell)
Added year that program began (2003)
Added comment that the certificate does not prepare individuals to teach CT, which might be misleading.
Voice vote: acclamation, no opposed
Item will be at senate next week

5. **Introduction item:** 1-unit upper division waiver
(guest presenters: Kate McCarthy, Charlene Armitage, Kaitlyn Baumgartner Lee)
Students close to graduation are being held up by one missing upper-division coursework
Waiver only in case that it is holding up graduation.
Changes will be made throughout catalog
No discussion
Voice vote: approved by acclamation
Vote to suspend rules to move to an action item.
Unanimous approval
Action item: no discussion, unanimous approval.

6. **Discussion item:** CSU, Chico policy on UD unit requirement
(guest presenters: Kate McCarthy, Charlene Armitage, Kaitlyn Baumgartner Lee)
Provost would like a policy developed for minimum number of upper division.
Not a problem for students in most majors, only affects a few BA majors.
Concern noted that with fewer than 39 units in upper division, students may not have enough knowledge in the discipline. At 39 units, not enough major courses to prepare students for professions.
Does not affect what is required by the major. There are a few majors: music majors and communication design majors routinely fall short of 40 units.
Suggestion: shift to 42 minimum UD, or add some additional 4 unit courses or 1 unit courses.
This is a reaction to a Board of Trustees action.
Note that Communication Design degree redesign is shifting to more upper division.
Request: list of majors, and distribution of upper division and lower division.
Other campuses are not acting on this.
Value of lower division majors is that they allow breadth, this breadth could be upper division, and would have more value if upper division.

Concern that shifting from 39 to 36 would encourage more students to take fewer upper division courses.

Summary from Chair: EPPC generally in support of maintaining 39 units, but would need context and data to consider 36 units.

Presenters remind us that this is not a request, just a discussion item.

Will be discussed at other groups on campus.

Request from EPCC

Want list of upper division required by majors

Number of students who currently graduate late because of 39 UD requirement.

7. Announcements

- a. Training available for faculty who want to use degree progress form and planner form.

Adjourned at 3:40 PM