



M E M O R A N D U M

EPPC Minutes, September 9, 2021

Members Present: Adamian, Allen, Bailey, Bufardi (Bailey) Cline, Ellis, Ferrari, Ford, Geier, Grassian, Gray, Kralj, Maas, Medic, Millard, Miller, Peterson, Rosso, Salehi, Seipel, Snyder, Son, Vela

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kralj at 2:32.

1. Minutes for September 2, 2021 were approved without objections after adding Hassan Salehi as present.
2. Agenda for September 9, 2021 was approved without changes:
3. Mahalley Allen was confirmed as Vice Chair
Ted Geier was confirmed as EPPC representative to the Curriculum Advisory Board (CAB)

Nate Millard was confirmed as the EPPC representative to the Grad Council:

Annie Adamian was confirmed as the EPPC representative to Liberal Studies Program Advisory Council:

There was no final confirmation of a representative to the University Writing Committee: Information provided included the following: meeting times will vary depending on schedules of members, the next meeting in 3-4 weeks and will meet 3-4 times per semester. The confirmation/appointment decision is deferred at this time and it was expressed that due to lack of compensation to lecturers that there shouldn't be undue pressure on them to serve.

4. Following the confirmation of some EPPC service roles, there was a short presentation and discussion about encouraging the use of pronouns. It was argued that showing the pronouns is a welcoming and loving gesture to those that identify in non-standard ways. It was also stated that students expect this and not sharing pronouns is being interpreted as a micro-aggression. Chair Kralj offered that no one should feel obligated to do anything they were not comfortable with.
5. Introduction Items
 - a. New Undergraduate Option in Structural Engineering (Steffen Mehl, Chair of Dept of Civil Engineering).

- b. New Undergraduate Option in General Civil Engineering (Steffen Mehl, Chair of Dept of Civil Engineering)
- c. New Undergraduate Option in Environmental and Water Resources Engineering (Steffen Mehl, Chair of Dept of Civil Engineering)

Steffen Mehl addressed all three options together as a package. He first made a slight correction that CIVL 558 and 558H should be removed from a list of “3 units selected from” on page 19 under the Structural Engineering option since CIVL 558C is required elsewhere for that new proposed option. Dr. Mehl then explained the new options and the need for the program. Steffen then presented all three options. A general question was asked how different distinct options in the same program need to be. The role of ABET in the new options was asked and answered. The impact on underrepresented communities was raised. Civil Engineering gender diversity is not so great, but better than other engineering fields. One approach being considered is to change the name to “Civil and Environmental Engineering”. Other supports available for increasing diversity such as the HSI was mentioned. The effect on transfer students was discussed. It was asked if highlighting the strength of the faculty would strengthen the proposal. Some editorial corrections were also provided by the committee (dates corrected, answers provided of some sort (e.g. “NA” or modify appropriately) and adding the full course names of the capstones.

The vote was taken one by one for each new option. All three passed as introduction items.

- d. Department Name Change: International Languages, Literatures and Cultures (to Languages and Cultures) (Christine Goulding, Chair of Dept of ILLC)

Christine Goulding presented the name changes. “International” as a term is being generally phased out in favor of other terms such as “Trans-national”. The vote

Item passed as an introduction item.

- e. Graduate Program Name Change: MA in Teaching International Languages (to MA in Language Teaching) (Christine Goulding, Chair of Dept of ILLC)

Item passed as an introduction item.

- f. New Graduate Option in Single Subject Credential (Spanish) within Teaching International Languages (Friederike Fichtner, Grad Coordinator; Christine Goulding, Chair of Dept of ILLC; Maris Thompson, Coordinator, Liberal Studies)

Friederike Fichtner presented the option proposal. This new option was originally proposed by students and ILLC has been working with the School

of Education to put this proposal together. AURTEC and the School of Ed have both voted to support the proposal.

Item passed as an introduction item.

6. Discussion Item: AB 130:

Statewide Senator Ford provided a brief overview of the recent changes in law to now allow for a broader range of certification pathways to meet the Basic Skills Requirement (BSR) and Subject Matter Certification (SMC). There was a general consensus that this is a good step in the right direction. Senator Ford also pointed out that there are new opportunities to “mix and match” test results and qualifying coursework to meet the BSR or SMC requirements. This will involve curricular decisions and proper campus processes need to be identified.

7. Announcements & Other

FDEV has a survey regarding faculty feedback that will help with building programming this academic year. Chiara Ferrari, FDEV Director, encourages everyone to participate: <https://forms.gle/zBN9Ugt8itMnEn6W9>

Senator Ford announced that the Board of Trustees meets next week and will be taking a first look at the next year’s budget request that will include budgeting for salary increases.

8. Adjourn – the meeting adjourned at 3:57.

Respectfully submitted, 9-10-2021

Rick Ford