

**Educational Policies Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Status of Minutes: Approved 10/18/23

Attendees

Members Present: V. Aramali, L. Becker, J. DeBonis, P. Hajiloo, Y. Mimura, T. Montaña,
L. Ruth-Hirrel, K. Taylor, K. Walker, D. Weingarten

Members Absent: K. Grote (on leave)

Staff: P. Lazarony, R. Guerra, J. Hunter

Guests: K. Baxter, K. Dabbour, L. Domine, S.J. Gandhi, D. Gray, K. Harris,
C. Hayashi, X. Jia, A. Lowenberg, D. Ma, K. Meshelski, D. Tamalis,
B. Wu

I. Announcements

- A. D. Weingarten announced that the revised Dean's List policy statement was signed by President Beck.

II. Business

- A. The minutes from 9/20/2023 were **MSP approved**.

- B. Undergraduate Studies

- General Education Honors**

- New Course**

- 1. GEH 222HAA-HZZ – Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Contemporary Issues (3).
MSP approved with revision to the syllabus.

- New Program**

- 2. University Honors Minor. **Tabled** for consideration of feedback provided during the meeting including program name, GPA requirements and revision to the catalog copy.

- C. College of Engineering and Computer Science

- Manufacturing Systems Engineering and Management
Program Modification**

- 1. Engineering Management Technology, B.S. **MSP approved**.

- D. P. Lazarony said under AB 928, transfer students are required to follow Cal-GETC starting in 2025, but it is still up for discussion whether the CSU adopts Cal-GETC for first-time freshmen in place of CSU GE Breadth. Due to dialogue occurring throughout the CSU, including the CSU Academic Senate, a decision will be announced later in the Spring 2024 semester rather than in December or January, to allow more time for discussion.

Members expressed concerns about a potential shortened implementation timeline and the more immediate need to move forward with addressing areas excluded from Cal-GETC Standards (i.e., Lifelong Learning, Title 5, Comparative Cultural Studies).

D. Weingarten reminded the committee about the discussion at the last EPC meeting comparing CSUN's current GE SLOs to the Cal-GETC Standards. During that analysis, the committee was less concerned about students transferring in with more content or units than required by current CSUN GE. The larger concern surrounds the content falling out of GE for transfer students and discussion of that plan, such as implementing campus graduation requirements, can continue.

- E. D. Weingarten said that the Senate Executive Committee recommended the proposed addition of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice (DEIJ) standards to the current undergraduate Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs) for a first reading at the next Faculty Senate meeting on October 12, 2023. EPC members also discussed overall concerns with the current undergraduate ILOs and the emerging problem with departments being required to map program learning outcomes to the undergraduate ILOs, which were derived from the GE SLOs. D. Weingarten suggested that EPC consider developing a better set of ILOs, which could take several years. Committee members supported the idea and emphasized that to be useful, the revised ILOs should be developed as a university-wide project. P. Lazarony and D. Weingarten offered to have an initial conversation with the vice provost and director of the Office of Academic Assessment and Program Review (OAAPR) to clarify the requirements for WASC prior to inviting OAAPR to a future EPC meeting for further discussion and next steps.
- F. D. Weingarten shared that the Senate Executive Committee provided no additional feedback on the Major/Minor Policy revisions. The policy recommendation will be considered for a vote at the next Faculty Senate meeting on October 12, 2023.
- G. The continuing discussion on the future of General Education at CSUN was **postponed** due to lack of time.

Meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.