

**Educational Policies Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

Status of Minutes: Approved 9/20/23

Attendees

Members Present: V. Aramali, L. Becker, J. DeBonis, 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: Y. An, K. Baxter, M. Carter, M. Capous-Desyllas, T. Chan, A. Claveria, K. Dabbour, L. Domine, S. Garrett, X. Geng, M. Glidden, A. Glocke, E. Godard, D. Gray C. Greathouse, T. Hattori, C. Hayashi, J. Henry, S. Jefferson, V. Jensen, X. Jia, B. Johnson, T. Lowenberg, L. McDonald, B. Mendoza, S. Missari, K. Morgaine, R. Muller, A. Prata, F. Rojo, S. Ruiz, M. Ruzgar, A. Sanchez Munoz, D. Tamalis, B. Wu, J. Yoo

I. Announcements

- A. D. Weingarten (chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that the meeting schedule is available on the [EPC website](#).
- B. Members, associate deans and guests introduced themselves.
- C. D. Weingarten announced the curriculum review schedule for Fall 2023:
 - 1. 9/06/2023: New Experimental Topics, Early Implementation, General Education
 - 2. 9/20/2023: Previously Offered Experimental Topics, Selected Topics, Consent Calendar (including CSM and MDECOE)
 - 3. 10/04/2023: CECS, UGS
 - 4. 10/18/2023: SBS, HHD
 - 5. 11/01/2023: MCCAMC
 - 6. 11/15/2023: DNCBE, HUM
 - 7. 12/06/2023: Returning Proposals

II. Business

- A. The minutes from 5/3/2023 were **MSP approved**.
- B. D. Weingarten said that Senate Executive Committee Liaison B. Limas has been invited to read the committee charge at the next EPC meeting.

- C. The Standing Committee Expectations were **MSP approved** for the 2023-2024 academic year.

The Educational Policies Committee resolves that the following constitute the minimum expectations of each of its members in the 2023-2024 academic year:

1. Attend the entirety of every meeting and participate actively in meetings.
2. Thoroughly and thoughtfully read all distributed materials prior to the meeting.
3. Volunteer for subcommittees or other tasks (such as serving as the EPC rep at program review meetings) as the need arises so that the workload can be spread fairly among members of the committee.
4. Ensure that the climate of the committee is conducive to all viewpoints receiving a full and fair hearing.

- D. D. Weingarten provided a brief recap of the EPC Member Retreat on August 30.

- E. L. Becker, P. Lazarony, K. Taylor and K. Walker volunteered for the Credit for Prior Learning subcommittee.

- F. L. Becker, J. DeBonis, T. Montañó and L. Ruth-Hirrel volunteered for the Course Alignment Matrix Revision subcommittee.

- G. D. Weingarten reminded the committee of the standards for early implementation, proposal requirements, assessment, and financial resource implications.

- H. T. Montañó thanked members of the Faculty Learning Community (FLC) who drafted the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice (DEIJ) Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs). The FLC reviewed models from across the country and proposed a DEIJ outcome for each section of the existing undergraduate ILOs. The addition of the DEIJ ILOs will be considered at the next EPC meeting.

- I. The memo to update the CPT standard test from the American Chemical Society from the 1998 test to the 2009 test and update the 50th percentile minimum score from 40/60 to 32/60 was **MSP approved**.

- J. New Experimental Topics Courses

Mike Curb College of Arts, Media, and Communication

1. ART 496SR – 3D Surfacing and Rendering (3). **MSP approved**.

College of Engineering and Computer Science

2. ECE 296A – Fundamentals of Electrical Circuits I (2). **MSP approved**.
3. ECE 296B – Fundamentals of Electrical Circuits II (2). **MSP approved**.

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

4. PSY 396A – Positive Psychology - The Science of Human Potential and Well-Being (3). **MSP approved.**
5. SOC 496D – The Sociology of Black Life (3). **MSF** the proposal did not pass.

K. Early Implementation Proposals

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Art

Course Modification

1. ART 302 – Video/Digital Art (3). **MSP approved.**

College of Engineering and Computer Science

Electrical and Computer Engineering

New Course

2. ECE 240N – Introduction to Electrical Circuits (3). **MSP approved** with removal of cross-listing and addition of antirequisite.

Course Modifications

3. ECE 240 – Electrical Engineering Fundamentals (3). **MSP approved** with removal of cross-listing and addition of antirequisite.
4. ECE 240L – Electrical Engineering Fundamentals Lab (1). **MSP approved.**

College of Humanities

Chicana and Chicano Studies

Course Modification

5. CHS 102 – Spanish for Chicanas/os II (3). **MSP approved.**

- L. Curriculum proposals on the General Education Consent Calendar were **MSP approved** (see **Attachment I**), with the exception of item B.2., which was withdrawn by the college.

M. General Education Courses

College of Humanities

Gender and Women's Studies

Course Modification

1. GWS 305/CS – Gender and Women's Studies Community Service (2/1). **MSP approved.**

Religious Studies

New Course

2. RS 357 – Atheism (3). **MSP approved.**

College of Health and Human Development

Family and Consumer Sciences

New Course

3. FCS 141 – Love and Sex (3). **Tabled** for more information about the *No Response* consultations, suggested revision to the course description, clarity between the paperwork and syllabus, more acknowledgment that some topics may be upsetting, and additional resources available.

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Criminology and Justice Studies

New Courses

4. CJS 101 – Introduction to Criminology and Justice Studies (3). **MSP approved.**
5. CJS 338 – Race, Ethnicity, and Justice (3). **MSP approved.**

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Music

New Course

6. MUS 139A – Beginning Guitar (1). **Tabled** for more information about how the GE SLOs will be assessed based on the weeks and materials covered in the syllabus.

N. D. Stephens and P. Lazarony shared a proposal from the Strategic Scheduling Team to consider moving the start time of 3-unit daytime lecture courses by 30 minutes, with the first class offerings starting at 8:30 a.m. (instead of 8:00 a.m.) beginning in Fall 2024. The proposed change does not affect night classes. The proposal has been presented to various faculty and student groups for feedback. In addition, questions will be incorporated into the upcoming student survey. The proposal was motivated by several factors including classroom utilization and the later 8:30 a.m. start time at California high schools. Colleges have been asked to look at the challenges of scheduling linked lecture/lab courses. D. Stephens noted that the current schedule has a gap from 3:15 p.m.-4 p.m., which can absorb the shift from an 8 a.m. start to an 8:30 a.m. start. P. Lazarony said they have reached out to Metro to ensure that the proposed change would not impact access to bus schedules. D. Stephens and P. Lazarony invited feedback. Several members and guests asked questions about the potential impact, including lab/activity course scheduling and concerns about public transportation schedules.

O. AB 928 discussion was postponed due to lack of time.

Meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Attachment I: Consent Calendar

Some curriculum proposals will be moved onto a “consent calendar” on the agenda. The purpose of the consent calendar will be to expedite items deemed to be minor and non-controversial. The Chair of EPC will move items onto the consent calendar in consultation with the Executive Secretary of the Committee. All of these items will remain available for review by all EPC members and any EPC member may remove an item from the consent calendar at any time prior to or during the meeting at which the item is to be considered. Items on the consent calendar will be acted upon as a single item. (EPC Standard Operating Procedures, page 3.)

A. David Nazarian College of Business and Economics

Marketing

Course Modification

1. MKT 350 – Consumer Information in the Digital Age (3)
Change short title and course description

B. College of Humanities

Chicana and Chicano Studies

Course Modification

1. CHS 101 – Spanish for Chicanas/os I (3)
Change course title, short title, description and requisites

Gender and Women’s Studies

Course Modification

- ~~2. GWS 340 – Women, Gender and Global Development (3) **Withdrawn**~~
~~*Change course title, short title, description*~~

Philosophy

Course Modifications

3. PHIL 100 – General Logic (4)
Change course title, short title, description and requisites
4. PHIL 150 – Introduction to Philosophical Thought (3)
Change course title, short title, description and requisites
5. PHIL 165 – Today’s Moral Issues (3)
Change course title, short title, description and requisites
6. PHIL 170 – Philosophy and Popular Culture (3)
Change course description
7. PHIL 180 – Human Nature and the Meaning of Life (3)
Change course description
8. PHIL 201 – Ancient Philosophy (3)
Change course title, description and requisites
9. PHIL 202 – Modern Philosophy (3)
Change course description and requisites

10. PHIL 230 – Introduction to Formal Logic (3)
Change course description
11. PHIL 250 – Philosophy of Technology (3)
Change course description and requisites
12. PHIL 260 – Sexual Ethics (3)
Change course description
13. PHIL 265 – Medical Ethics (3)
Change course description and requisites
14. PHIL 280 – Philosophy of Sport (3)
Change course description
15. PHIL 305 – Business Ethics and Public Policy (3)
Change course description
16. PHIL 314 – Philosophy of Film and Literature (3)
Change course description
17. PHIL 317 – History of American Philosophy (3)
Change course description
18. PHIL 325 – Philosophy of Biology (3)
Change course description
19. PHIL 330 – Philosophy of Science (3)
Change course description
20. PHIL 337 – Philosophy of Religion (3)
Change course description
21. PHIL 343 – Indian Philosophy (3)
Change course description
22. PHIL 348 – Philosophy and Feminism (3)
Change course title, short title, description
23. PHIL 349 – Contemporary Social and Political Issues (3)
Change course description
24. PHIL 353 – Existentialism (3)
Change course description
25. PHIL 354 – Kierkegaard and Nietzsche (3)
Change course description