Committee on Educational Policy  
Peter Loomer, PhD, Chair

MINUTES  
Wednesday, January 12, 2011

PRESENT:  
Peter Loomer (Chair), Abbey Alkon (Vice Chair), Lucy Fisher, Nancy Nkanseh, Gail Persily, Sophia Saeed, Vineeta Singh

ABSENT:  
Tamara Alliston, Harry Hollander, Judy Martin-Holland, Thomas Kearney, Doug Schmucker, Elisabeth Wilson

GUEST:  
Brian Dolan, Chair, Academic Senate Committee on Courses of Instruction and Kate Dargan, System Analyst and Academic Senate Coordinator, Online Course Review System

The Committee on Educational Policy was called to order by Chair Loomer on January 12 at 3:36 p.m. in room S-30 (and then S-628). A quorum was present.

The minutes from December 8, 2010 were approved.

Chair’s Report
Chair Loomer commented that as there was no Systemwide EPC meeting, so nothing to report at a Systemwide level. He did update the committee on Coordinating Committee matters including committees’ responses to the Systemwide Report from the Senate Membership Task Force and the issue with adjunct series at other UC-campuses.

Presentation on Online Course Review System – Brian Dolan and Kate Dargan
Brian Dolan introduced COCI and its purpose, as well as provided background to the creation of the Online Course Review System. The online system is a very solid step toward efficiency and paper-saving, however it has raised other issues the committee is now exploring, i.e., if up to ten or twelve people review each form prior to it coming to COCI, what role does COCI have to reject course forms? And, should COCI be combined with other committees, many of which duplicate the same efforts?

He spoke to the objective and justification of courses – and that these two areas need to have formulas to guarantee consistencies. So overall, should COCI really be looking at the quality and effectiveness of a particular course—that is a much ‘bigger deal’ than what COCI had previously been charged with. And, if that’s the direction of COCI, that’s fine but it needs to be re-envisioned and enforced.

Brian stated that with all of these new task forces on IP/ID have been formed, it seems strange to not include in the task force those Senate committees involved in education and education policy. There was one Senate member included on this task force.

Is there a flow chart detailing how courses are approved from a faculty to an EPC to the COCI-level? It used to be on the COCI webpage. A preparer will be able to see where their course is in the system.
Members recommended the creation of a tutorial program, or a preview, for those new to the system.

Chair Loomer explained the purpose and role of the Senate’s CEP, including representation and input from each of the School’s EP Committee.

Member Alkon recommended a combination or junction of CEP, COCI, and the IP/ID Task Force.

**Updates from the Schools**

**SOM**
None.

**SOP**
None.

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None.

**SON**
None.

**Update from the Library**

Gail Persily expanded upon the status of Instructional Grants and their new link to the IPE Center of Excellence. Because of this new Center, there is additional money to include in the Library’s grants for 2011-2012.

There may also be changes in who evaluates these proposals; it previously was done by COCI, but was also done by members of the IP/IE Review Committee. There will be a new committee created with input from multiple committees including, COCI, Curriculum Learning Committee, the IP/IE Task Force and maybe someone from CEP. This would be a one-time committee meeting.

Discussion of the TLC was postponed to next meeting.

**Old Business**
None.

**New Business**
None.

Chair Loomer adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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