

The Faculty Committee on Extended Learning
Wednesday, May 12, 2009

Minutes

Committee members present: Tamarah Ashton, John Binkley, John Bruton, Brian Connett, Joyce Feucht-Haviar, Eric Garcia, Renee Moreno, Radha Ranganthan

Committee members absent: James Decker (excused), Sabina Magliocco (excused), Coleen Martin (excused), Kyriakos Pontikis (excused), George Wang (excused)

Guests: Julia Potter

Call to Order

Brian Connett, the Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room in the Bookstore complex.

Old Business

Approval of the March 18, 2009 Minutes

Brian Connett asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the March 18th meeting. Tamarah Ashton moved that the minutes be approved and John Binkley seconded the motion. Brian Connett asked for a vote on the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

New Business

1. Election of committee chair for 2009-10 academic year

Nominations were solicited and received via email prior to this meeting resulting in the nomination of John Binkley and John Bruton. Following the suggestion of Brian Connett, committee chair, it was agreed to hold the election by secret ballot using campus mail to give all committee members an opportunity to vote.

(The election was held during the week following the meeting. John Bruton was elected.)

2. Update on The Tseng College programs

Brian Connett called upon Joyce Feucht-Haviar, dean of The Tseng College, to provide the committee members with an update on programs reviewed by the committee.

She began with the proposal to waive the TOEFL requirement for Graduate School admission for students successfully completing Level 10 of the Intensive English Program (IEP). She reported that the proposal went to the Graduate Studies Committee where the concept was approved with the request for a 3-year program review.

She then discussed the Master's degree in Assistive Technology and Human Services and Master's degree in Assistive and Rehabilitative Technology. Both programs were presented to the Graduate Studies Committee and approved. They will now be submitted to the CSU Chancellor's office for program review and approval. The Master's degree in Assistive and Rehabilitative Technology has been approved as a CSU professional science Master's program. These programs are scheduled to launch in spring 2010.

She then reported on the Master's degree in Humanities. That program is stalled at the CSU. It was approved by the Graduate Studies Committee in the fall of 2008 and sent to the CSU in June of 2008. The CSU has informed The Tseng College that a program review lasting this long is not unusual. The program is being marketed following the CSU guidelines.

3. Continuation of the discussion about Doctorates at CSUN - Joyce Feucht-Haviar

When the agenda for this meeting was sent to the Committee members, a link to the Council of Graduate Schools - Ph.D. Completion Project was included and an electronic copy of the op-ed article by Mark C. Taylor, "The End of the University as We Know It" was attached to the e-mail. Renee Moreno brought copies of the California Master Plan to add to the discussion. It was agreed that there is an urgent need to bring doctoral programs to campus in order to insure that the state has qualified faculty and practitioners.

Dean Joyce reported that Jennifer Matos, president of the Faculty Senate, had contacted Dean Joyce to invite her to a fall Faculty Senate meeting to discuss doctorates at CSUN.

4. Update on Self-Support Options in Challenging Times - Joyce Feucht-Haviar

Dean Joyce distributed copies of her document, "Self-Support Options in Challenging Times" for informational purposes for the members. This document is being presented to the College Deans for their consideration. It describes seven options:

1. A Fourth-Year Applied Track
2. A Two Year Baccalaureate Degree-Completion with Limited Prerequisites
3. Offering Both a Two Week Winter Term and a Two Week Spring Intersession in 2009-10
4. Creating a Viable Intersession for the Longer Term Starting in 2010-11
5. Certificate Programs Completeable in Two Summers
6. Offering Existing PACE and Midcareer Baccalaureate Degree-Completion Programs
7. Using the Open University Status More

5. Update on the path of a revised CSUN Certificate Policy - Joyce Feucht-Haviar

The proposed revisions to the CSUN Certificate Policy were e-mailed to the Committee members before the meeting. Dean Joyce reported that the Graduate Studies Committee has the authority to revise the policy and would vote on approving the

revisions at their next meeting. It was noted that this Committee, the Faculty Committee on Extended Learning, was not asked for input during the revision process.

Adjournment

Brian Connett concluded the meeting with thanks to the committee members for their work. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

(No policy changes were discussed or recommended during this meeting.)

Prepared by: Julia Potter