

Council on Educational Policy (CEP)
LAUC-I Academic Senate Representative
2016-2017 Report

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Council/Committee Name (acronym): CEP

Council/Committee Charge:

The CEP's "Responsibilities" are:

1. Considers all matters related to academic policy, makes recommendations regarding curricula and programs and other educational matters, including general campus requirements and grading systems, issues recommendations on the establishment, substantive modifications or withdrawal of academic programs, and reviews and reports on the character of the educational programs on the Irvine campus. The Council is authorized to act for the Division in approving new or amended degree requirements, including new or amended minors, specializations, concentrations or emphasis, recommended to the Division by the several Faculties.
2. Acts as a screening committee for the general education options. It reviews courses submitted by the academic units, and approves or disapproves them according to the guidelines listed in Appendix V of the Divisional Senate Manual. The Council reviews all general education option courses at regular intervals and take appropriate action.
3. Advises on all educational policy matters pertaining to programs outside of the core campus undergraduate programs, including, but not limited to, matters relating to international education and continuing, part time, and summer session education. In matters pertaining to the establishment, substantive modification or withdrawal of programs that may impact core campus academic programs, the Council issues recommendations with the Graduate Council, as applicable.
4. Maintains liaisons with the Systemwide University Committees on Educational Policy (UCEP), Preparatory Education, and UC Education Abroad.

Link to Council/Committee Website:

<http://senate.uci.edu/committees/councils/council-on-educational-policy-cep/>

Frequency of Meetings: monthly for two hours

Major Activities:

From the Fall Qtr 2016 Academic Senate Newsletter (<http://senate.uci.edu/files/2014/05/Fall-2016-Newsletter-Final.pdf>):

CEP addressed these “key issues related to undergraduate education”:

- CEP approved Change of Major requirements in the School of Humanities. The new requirements will make it easier for students to change to foreign language majors.
- CEP is also in the process of reviewing two degree proposals: a proposal from the School of Humanities for a B.A./M.A. in European Thought and Culture and a proposal for a B.A. in Language Science from the School of Social Sciences.
- CEP received comments from the Chair of APRB regarding the APRB External Review of the School of Engineering and the School’s response to that review. CEP will provide comments recommendations on the APRB review once APRB forwards its report to CEP.
- CEP’s first multi-year review of General Education (GE) continues this year. CEP’s Subcommittee on Policy is set to review approximately 150 GE IV (Arts and Humanities) and GE VI (Languages other than English) course proposals in November and December. The goal is to determine whether these GE courses meet course learning outcome (CLO) requirements in their category. The outcome of the review will provide CEP with the information necessary to determine whether revisions to the CLOs in the GE category might be necessary.”

From the Winter Qtr 2017 Academic Senate Newsletter

(<http://senate.uci.edu/files/2014/05/Winter-2017-Academic-Senate-Newsletter.pdf>):

“The [CEP] has reviewed the following items related to undergraduate education:

- Undergraduate issues to be addressed in the UCI Strategic Plan: 1) a pilot involving hybrid courses; 2) how to measure quality teaching for online courses and courses using technology heavily; 3) undergraduate student recruitment; 4) ways to change admin structure to encourage interdisciplinary teaching and research. The Council is reviewing and discussing these areas for the purpose of making implementation recommendations.
- The Council is nearing completion of the review of General Education categories IV (Arts and Humanities) and IV (Languages Other Than English).
- Endorsed a proposal from the Board on Undergraduate Scholarships and Financial Aid to increase the number of graduating seniors awarded Latin Honors from 12% to 16%.
- Reviewed a proposal for a B.A. in Language Science.

- Initiated the External Review of the School of Physical Sciences and Non Degree Seeking External Review of the UCI Summer Session.”

From the Spring Qtr 2017 Academic Senate Newsletter

(<http://senate.uci.edu/files/2014/05/Newsletter-Spring-2017.pdf>):

“The Council on Educational Policy has reviewed the following items related to undergraduate education so far this quarter:

- CEP approved the proposal for a B.A. in Language Science
- CEP approved General Education VII (Multicultural Studies) review instructions, to be sent to departments and Associate Deans by the end of May, 2017.
- CEP completed its review of GE IV (Arts and Humanities) and GE VI (Languages Other than English).
 - o A total of 146 GE IV courses were reviewed
 - o 124 of the 146 GE IV courses were approved by CEP.
 - o 12 of the 146 GE IV courses were not approved by CEP. These courses have already had their GE designations removed.
 - o 10 of the 146 GE IV courses were sunset by the departments.
 - o A total of 15 GE VI courses were reviewed by CEP.
 - o 14 of the 15 GE VI courses were approved by CEP.
 - o 1 of the 15 GE VI courses were not approved by CEP.”

Issues of Concern to the Libraries:

The Libraries are routinely asked about its resources to support new and/or expanded academic programs, and AUL for Research Resources John Renaud prudently provides an appropriately guarded one, taking a wait-and-see attitude once the new program is up to see if faculty and student demands swell beyond the Libraries’ resources to meet them. In most cases, such as Nursing growing from a program to school status, the Libraries have already been developing collections in that subject area.

For 2017-2018, rebuilding the slashed collection development fund for Linguistics Dept’s newly-approved Language Science B.A. will rely on existing support for the new foci of the resurrected department: neuroscience, cognitive science, computer science (computational linguistics), philosophy, logic, anthropology, education, speech, hearing, and engineering--see <http://linguistics.uci.edu/>.

Recommendations for New Reps/New Year:

UC President Napolitano’s plan to have the UC campuses enroll an additional 10,000 California residents (freshmen and transfers) over the next three years, starting in Fall 2016, has raised concerns about absorbing these higher numbers and still maintaining academic excellence. On a micro level, Langson gave up LL 101A to become a general-assignment classroom in 2015-2016. On a macro level, the impact of this increased enrollment at UCI—already a UC “growth campus”—merits our attention.