

COUNCIL ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

Meeting Minutes: January 17, 2012

3:30-5:00 PM, 355 Loew Hall

Members present: Chris Neils, Chair (Bioen); Bruce Adee (ME); Adam Bruckner (AA); Peter Carlson (BIOEN UG student); Bruce Darling (EE); Brad Holt (ChemE); Brenda Larson (EE Adviser); Christine Luscombe (MSE); Hal Perkins (CSE); Eve Riskin (Assoc. Dean); David Stahl (CEE); Ashley Tracey (MSE Graduate student); Janice Henderson (Ex officio).

Members absent: Kal Kapur (ISE); Mark Zachry (HCDE).

Guests: Scott Winter (Engineering Student Academic Services); Paul Beame (CSE).

Minutes

The January 3, 2012 minutes were approved with the last sentence under Graduate Fellowship Restructuring Proposal changed to: "Today, CEP voted and approved a one year trial of the Graduate Fellowship Restructuring Proposal and the motion to have Mari come back in May 2012 to report what happened."

Report from the Writing Committee

Paul Beame, CSE, presented the Writing Committee's recommendations for handling communication instruction starting fall 2012 and beyond. The short-term recommendations (a/y 2012-13) keep existing courses but allow departments more flexibility in setting requirements, thereby minimizing the impact on current students' graduation requirements. The long-term recommendation is to completely reevaluate how the college should provide communication instruction, and to implement the resulting changes in autumn 2013.

The CEP voted and approved the Writing Committee's recommendation to revise the College-wide HCDE 231 graduation requirement so that it parallels the HCDE 333 requirement, i.e., each student must complete HCDE 231 or a departmentally-approved alternative. CEP also voted and approved a recommendation to the Dean that he act on the Writing Committee's short-term recommendations, including the change to the College-wide HCDE 231 graduation requirement.

A form 1503 to change the HCDE 231 graduation requirement will be presented at the February 7th CEP meeting. Eve Riskin's office will notify the CoE faculty.

Eve will commission a task force to explore the issue of CoE writing/communication instruction in the longer-term (i.e., starting fall 2013). Suggestions for the structure of the task force were: faculty, staff academic adviser, students (perhaps, graduate student that has demonstrated good writing skills), and involve AA and BIOEN because they already have an alternative program. CEP supports development of an alternative writing program.

Other possible issues might be ABET's reaction to departmental writing requirement changes, how to work with non-native speakers, and possibly requiring a writing assessment for admission.

CSE's Academic Misconduct policy for ENGR 142

Chris Neils is concerned that some parts of the policy may be too strict or impractical, and might hamper learning. After discussions, it was decided that the CEP would make no official recommendations to change the policy. However, Hal Perkins will take the concerns discussed today to the CSE 142/143 instructors for consideration.

Review CEP items electronically prior to the meeting (Saving Paper) and put certain documents on the web

Chris and Janice will work out the details (for CEP's approval) of what items should be e-mailed to the council prior to the meeting and what approved documents can be posted on the web for future reference.

New item for future discussion

- Saving paper

Remaining Winter 2012 Meeting Dates

Time: 3:30-5:00 pm Room: 355 Loew Hall

Dates: February 7 and 21, March 6