

COUNCIL ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

Meeting Minutes: April 12, 2016

3:30 PM, Loew 355

Members present: Bob Breidenthal (AA); Chris Neils (BioE); Brad Holt (ChemE); Mike Dodd (CEE); Hal Perkins (CSE); John Sahr (EE); Shan Liu (ISE); Jennifer Tsai (ISE Advisor); Brian Fabien (Associate Dean for Academic Affairs); Dan Feetham (Academic Affairs); Scott Winter (Ex Officio)

Members absent: Jennifer Turns, Chair (HCDE); Mark Ganter (ME); Jihui Yang (MSE); Colin Butler (Undergrad Student Rep).

Guests: Heidi Gough (CEE); Mariko Navin (CEE Advisor); Sandra Maddox (MSE Advisor)

The March 1 and March 29, 2016 meeting minutes were approved.

Curriculum Proposals

Materials Science & Engineering - Proposal to change upper division departmental admission from autumn to spring – Sandra Maddox provided an overview of the proposed change. A primary motivation of the change is to better accommodate transfer students. Few community colleges offer an equivalent to MSE 170. Moving to spring admission will allow transfer students to take the course the spring quarter after admission. The change will also allow transfer students to pursue the NME option which has a spring sophomore year course requirement. After discussion, it was suggested that language be added to clearly communicate that MSE 170 needs to be completed prior to the autumn of the junior year. Chem E has similar language and was suggested as a model to follow. The proposal was approved as amended.

Old Business

Proposal for the creation of a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering degree – Heidi Gough reviewed modifications that were made to the proposal in response to the comments and suggestions from the March 29 meeting. Some additional minor edits were suggested including clarification on the requirements for early admission. There was discussion about potential impacts of a recent new policy adopted by the Faculty Council for Academic Standards (FCAS). The FCAS policy relates to admission requirements for departments that admit students for the autumn of the junior year. Since the policy has not been broadly communicated and given uncertainty around the intent of the policy, it was decided move forward with the Environmental Engineering proposal without change. However, it was suggested that CEE follow-up with the chair of FCAS for additional clarification. The Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering proposal was approved as amended.