

COUNCIL ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

Meeting Minutes: October 4, 2016

3:30 PM, Loew 355

Members present: Jennifer Turns, Chair (HCDE); Uri Shumlak (AA); Chris Neils (BioE); Brad Holt (ChemE); Ruth Anderson (CSE); John Sahr (EE); Shan Liu (ISE); Mark Gantner (ME); Jennifer Tsai (ISE Advisor); Scott Winter (Ex Officio, Academic Affairs)

Members absent: CEE Representative; Dwayne Arola (MSE); Brian Fabien (Associate Dean for Academic Affairs); Dan Feetham (Ex Officio, Academic Affairs)

Guests: Joe Mahoney (CEE); Tim Larson (CEE)

Dean's Welcome – Dean Mike Bragg joined the meeting to express his appreciation for the work of the Council, particularly around the direct-to-college (DTC) admission proposal, and to share a few priorities from the perspective of the Dean's Office. In addition to continued work on the DTC proposal, modifying the academic misconduct process to align more closely with other processes on campus and with the revised Student Conduct Codes was identified as a priority. Another area identified by Dean Bragg was a review of College service courses, how they are managed and possible need for new freshman level courses.

Course and Program Applications

- *Construction, Energy, and Sustainable Infrastructure (CESI) Track within the Master of Science in Civil Engineering degree Program* – Joe Mahoney provided an overview of the proposed CESI track within the MS in Civil Engineering. The proposal for the new track is still being reviewed by the Graduate School. The track proposal includes some unique curricular elements such as an extensive list of 1-credit courses focused on specific content areas.
- *CESI 508 Accounting and Finance for Construction* – New course application. This will be a distance learning (DL) course focused on construction oriented financial management. Changes in availability of related courses from the School of Business contributed to the need for the course. Joe Mahoney addressed questions about the course structure and organization. Some concerns and feelings of uncertainty were expressed about DL courses in general and specifically about the structure of this course. There was a suggestion to have CEP take a broader look at DL courses. **The course was approved with 2 abstentions.**
- *E E 483 Nanotechnology Design* – New course applications. New capstone design course. **Approved** with condition of CHEM E, ME, and MSE signoff.
- *ME 598 Graduate Projects* – Course change application. Drop permanent CR/NC listing. **Approved.**

Old Business

Direct-to-College Proposal – There was some general discussion about the process for determining the number of DTC students individual departments will be required to accept.

New Business

- *Academic Misconduct Report* – Scott Winter provided a summary of academic misconduct cases for the 2015-16 academic year. There were 19 students who signed agreed settlements and 33 students who were referred to CEP/Academic Affairs. The distribution of outcomes for these 33 students was reviewed. Scott also reported on several spring misconduct cases that were addressed by Academic Affairs over the summer.

Brad Holt, John Sahr, and Jennifer Turns agreed to hold their calendars open from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm on non-CEP Tuesdays for the purpose of reviewing misconduct cases referred to the College.