

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Minutes
28 May 2009

(Approved 29 May 2009)

Present: T. Boone, J. Dirkse (for M. Dhada), A. Gebauer, M. Moe, J. Pratt, J. Stark, T. Van Reusen, M. Vivian

Absent: L. Lavendar

Called to order 9:30am

Minutes of 14 May 2009 approved.

No changes to agenda.

Old Business:

1. Program Reviews: We continued discussions of academic programs and programs with partial academic content that currently do not fall under normal periodic program reviews. We decided that all academic degrees, credentials or certificates that are issued by CSUB should be “claimed” by existing departments and receive equal treatment regarding curricular oversight and periodic reviews. We decided to send a request to Academic Programs to:
 - a) determine the appropriate administrator or “owner” (i.e., who should sponsor the review) of these programs,
 - b) recommend what level of review is appropriate for each, and
 - c) report back to the AAC.

New Business:

1. Double-counting units in two degrees (carried over from 2007). We discussed the 5/18/2009 memo to the AAC from Department of Public Policy and Administration. After a fairly heated discussion, we noted that
 - a) PPA has been giving undergraduate students credit for graduate courses taken to fulfill requirements for a bachelor degree and, if students enroll in the MPA or MSA-HCM, giving them graduate credit for the same courses. Specifically, PPA 500 through 504 may be taken to satisfy requirements for a “fast track” minor and satisfy requirements for either the MPA or MSA-HCM. This violates the CSU policy of not double-counting courses to satisfy requirements in more than one degree;
 - b) in 2007, the AAC discussed this with PPA, received their approval, and wrote a memo recommending a solution; yet
 - c) in its 5/18/2009 memo PPA indicated an unwillingness to make any changes.

We decided that this was an unacceptable response and reaffirmed the 2007 recommendations. A memo will be sent to PPA requiring conformance with CSU policy in this matter.

2. CARS Report. The annual report from CARS was accepted and will be forwarded to the Academic Senate for posting on the Senate website.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45am