

Academic Senate Curriculum Committee
Report, Fall 2009

Well we had another rollicking quarter!

We met nine times for a total of 18 hours. The Chair met and talked to multiple people, multiple times outside of the meetings.

We spent a great deal of time discussing the proposal for a MS in Fire Protection Engineering, and sent it to the Senate Executive Committee at the end of the quarter for their winter agenda.

We approved the following classes through Continuous Review: ART 371, ARCE 449, ARCE 473, ARCE 415, and TH 295, and they were approved by the Senate. We sent several others back for more work.

We approved the minor in Asians Studies, which was approved by the Senate.

We discussed the proposal for a Stem Cell Specialization in BioMedical Engineering. That will return first thing winter quarter.

The chair requested and received a great deal of data to help with discussions of change of major and through-put. The change of major discussions occurred at most of the meetings. The chair coordinated with Kimi Ikeda on that issue, and the proposal from her committee should be on our agenda for our first winter meeting.

We discussed the students' catalog rights, and decided that it should stay as it is since it is causing no problem for the Evaluations Office, and is flexible.

We discussed the provost's draft of a Cal Poly Plan to Improve Graduation Rates, and provided feedback.

The proposal for a MS in Disaster Management and Homeland Security was sent back to find a home department.

We decided that we would only accept proposals for new courses, minors, programs, etc if there was a compelling need at this point. A written justification will be required. Others can wait until we have more time and fewer pressing issues. Wording was added to the Academic Programs web site to reflect this.

The new Registrar visited with us. We were shocked, and very pleased, to hear that PeopleSoft can do all sorts of things that we would like it to do. This attitude is new and appreciated!

Next quarter will be change of major, some in-progress proposals, and discussions of Continuous Review and committee procedures.

Again this quarter , the chair more than earned his release time!

Submitted, 8 December, 2009, David W. Hannings, Chair