ACADEMIC SENATE
of
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, CA

AS-880-19

RESOLUTION ON UPDATING UNITED STATES CULTURAL PLURALISM (USCP)
REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES

WHEREAS, The current responsibilities of the USCP Review Committee (as approved by AS-836-17: Resolution on Aligning United State Cultural Pluralism (USCP) Criteria to Diversity Learning Objectives with Oversight by the GE Governance Board) is limited to USCP curricular review, library oversight as it relates to curriculum, and other curricular issues as charged; and

WHEREAS, Cal Poly’s USCP requirement is a university-level rather than a General Education requirement; and

WHEREAS, The current membership of the USCP Review Committee has only one at-large faculty member with USCP teaching experience and no student representation; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the changes to the committee’s membership and responsibilities in the attached revision to the Academic Senate bylaws be adopted; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate Bylaw I.7(b)3(e), which states that the GEGB’s responsibilities include “Oversight of USCP courses, including the review of new course proposals and modifications,” be deleted.

Proposed by: Dustin Stegner, Chair, Academic Senate
Date: May 14, 2019
12. USCP Review Committee

(a) Membership
The Chair of the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee, a faculty member from the Ethnic Studies Department, a faculty member from the Women's & Gender Studies Department, and two at-large faculty members with USCP teaching experience and/or teaching experience related to diversity issues as voting members. Ex Officio non-voting members shall be the Vice President and Chief Officer for Diversity and Inclusion or designee, he CTLT Inclusive Excellence Specialist or designee, and an ASI student representative.

(b) Responsibilities
The committee evaluates the United States Cultural Pluralism (USCP) component of new and existing courses before making recommendations to the General Education Governance Board, when a course is a general education course, and the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee. In addition, the committee shall periodically performs curricular review and evaluation of USCP courses and, when appropriate, works with the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee to review and update USCP learning outcomes and course requirements (as indicated in Academic Senate Bylaws I.2.(b)).
MEMORANDUM

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Date: July 3, 2019  

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Subject: Response to AS-880-19 Resolution on Updating United States Cultural Pluralism (USCP) Review Committee Membership and Responsibilities

I am pleased to acknowledge and approve the above-entitled Academic Senate resolution.

I look forward to the curricular review and evaluation of USCP courses as stated in the resolution. These efforts are especially timely given the university’s WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) self-study’s focus on student success and the matters of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Please extend my thanks to the Academic Senate members for their prompt attention to this matter.