Members Present Leonard Arnold, Larry Damato, Steven Glick, Bonnie Gratch-Lindauer, Lynda Hirose, Lancelot Kao, MaryLou Leyba-Frank, Susana Mayorga, Madeline Mueller, Bruce Smith, Fred Teti
Members Absent Robert Gabriner, Larry Klein, Renato Larin, Pablo Rodriguez, Lynnette Sheppard

I. Adoption of Agenda
The Committee adopted the agenda.

II. Approval of Minutes
The Committee approved the minutes of 2005 November 28.

III. Members' Reports
A. Chair Fred Teti reported these items.
   1. The Academic Senate approved awarding up to 400 CalWORKs students per semester registration priority equal to that of EOPS students, as recommended by A.P.
   2. The Academic Senate approved the 2005–2006 CalWORKs Program Plan, as recommended by A.P.
   3. Upon recommendation from the Chancellor, the CCSF Academic Senate decided not to bring a resolution to the State Academic Senate regarding course repetition policy. We agreed to maintain our current policy until there is significant pressure to change from the CCC System Office.

B. Mueller reported that the Department Chairs had received a call for interest in the (recently renamed) Student Civic Engagement Partnership. The Committee discussed the Partnership and the results of meetings Teti had attended at the Carnegie Institute and at SFSU. There was sufficient interest that Teti agreed to put the Partnership on the next agenda for further discussion.

IV. Unfinished Business
A. Accreditation Update
Gratch-Lindauer reported that the visiting team will be at CCSF during the third week of March. Their early impression of the Accreditation Self Study report has been very favorable.

B. Information Competency Requirement (ICR) Update
Gratch-Lindauer reported that the Bipartite Committee on Graduation Requirements approved her work group’s new proposal and implementation scheme (as recommended by A.P.) for the Information Competency Requirement. It will appear in the 2006–2007 Catalog.

C. Academic Majors
Mueller reminded the Committee that Enhanced Self Study recommendation “CLL8”, as approved by the Senate, gave students three ways to earn an 18-unit major: (1) by using G. E. requirements for CSU, for IGETC, or for UCB’s College of Letters and Science, (2) by completing a delineated major in departments which have such, and (3) completing any 18 units in departments without such delineated majors.
   1. In the Catalog, the last two ways are combined into a single, compound item. A.P. felt this presentation is confusing. The Committee asked Teti to pursue a better presentation with the Office of Instruction.
2. Other community colleges give their majors more publicity than we do; this is partially because we have so many awards of achievement competing for attention. A.P. members agreed to try thinking of ways to increase visibility of CCSF “major” offerings.

3. It seems that no earned majors of any kind appear on degrees, diplomas, and transcripts. Member Leyba-Frank agreed to ask the Registrar why this might be so.

V. New Business

A. Discussion of the CCSF Associate Degrees

The Committee discussed various concerns brought by Damato from the Transfer Student Counseling Department. Many of these concerns addressed clarity in the Catalog description of the degree requirements, the nature of the Option B (“Transfer”) degree, and how best to communicate these to our students. Smith and Mueller reminded the Committee that the Option B degree was not intended as a transfer vehicle, but as an option for students who were transferring but might not otherwise get an associate degree.

1. Damato noted that CSU allows students to have Ds in nine out of the thirty-nine G.E. units. The CCSF policy on Ds is less prescriptive. A.P. felt that the Catalog should say which college’s policy applies to the Option B degree. If we decide to use the CSU policy, the CCSF Catalog should include it explicitly. The Committee referred this issue to the Grading Policies Subcommittee.

2. CSU requires nonresident students to have a 2.4 GPA. The CCSF Option B degree requires a 2.0 GPA of all students (as does Option A). A.P. felt that the Catalog should explicitly warn nonresident students that meeting the CCSF Option B degree GPA requirement does not necessary qualify them for transfer to CSU. The Committee charged Teti with asking the Office of Instruction to insert into the Option B degree GPA section a sentence to this effect. (The Transfer Counselors may choose to pursue a change in the Option B GPA requirement.)

The Committee will continue considering other concerns (e.g., second degrees, waivers, Advanced Placement\(^1\) credit) in future meetings.

B. Study Abroad Proposal from International Education Advisory Subcommittee

The International Education Advisory Subcommittee recommends that CCSF offer two proposed new Study Abroad programs:

1. Winter Break in Costa Rica and Nicaragua. The courses offered during the program will be LALS 15 and LALS 70, taught by LALS Department member Dr. Greg Landau.

\[1006-02-27-01\] That the Academic Policies Committee recommend the proposed new Study Abroad program: Winter Break in Costa Rica and Nicaragua, for consideration by the Academic Senate.

2. Winter or Summer in South Africa. The course offered during the program is planned to be HIST 48 (African History), taught by AFAM Department member Dr. Johnetta Richards. Dr. Richards has led study abroad programs for CSU in her capacity as a member of the SFSU Africana Studies Department.

\[1006-02-27-02\] That the Academic Policies Committee recommend the proposed new Study Abroad program: Winter or Summer in South Africa, for consideration by the Academic Senate.

\(^1\) It would be infelicitous to use herein the abbreviation “A.P.” for “Advanced Placement”.

Summary of Outcomes

- (Item III.B) Teti will agendize the Student Civic Engagement Partnership for discussion at our next meeting.
- (Item IV.C.1) Teti will ask the Office of Instruction to improve the Catalog description of majors.
- (Item IV.C..) Leyba-Frank will ask the Registrar why majors don’t appear on diplomas, etc.
- (Item V.A.1) We referred to Grading Policies the issue of what grades students need to satisfy the G.E. requirement for the Option B degree.
- (Item V.A.2) Teti will ask the Office of Instruction to insert into the Option B GPA section a sentence warning nonresident students about the CSU GPA requirement.
- (Item V.B) We approved the Study Abroad programs in Costa Rica and Nicaragua, and in South Africa, for consideration by the Academic Senate.