To the Faculty Legislature, Santa Barbara Division

The charge of the College of Letters and Science Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) is defined in Part III, Appendix II, D1.93A of the Santa Barbara Division’s Bylaws and Regulations as follows: “Each FEC of the Faculty of a College, often abbreviated as ‘FEC of the College,’ is a committee of the Academic Senate. These Committees are authorized by the Bylaws of each Division of the Academic Senate as organizations through which the Faculty of each College can coordinate the academic affairs of their College.”

**Issues and Actions**

The major topics of discussion of the FEC over the course of the academic year were the following:

- Curricular Matters
- Proposals for New Programs
- Name Changes
- ERC Comments and Questions
- Comments on Policy Matters
- FEC Election Procedures

Details on the actions taken by the FEC are provided below.

**Curricular Matters**

After requesting clarification from the Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies, the FEC endorsed the department’s proposed wording for the new language requirement for the B.A. in Chicana and Chicano Studies: “Spanish 3 or equivalent.” The FEC forwarded the item to the Undergraduate Council with its endorsement.

The FEC tabled the proposal from the Music Department to institute an online tutorial in music theory and requested additional information from the department. The proposal was not resubmitted.

The FEC voted unanimously to table the proposal from the Departments of Statistics and Applied Probability and Mathematics to change the requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Financial Mathematics and Statistics and requested that the department rethink the placement of PSTAT 120A-B in the pre-major.

The FEC reviewed the proposal from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry and voted unanimously in favor of increasing the unit value for Chemistry 1AL, 1BL, 1CL, 2AC, 2BC, and 2CC from one unit to two units and increasing the unit value for Chemistry 6A, 6B, and 6C from two units to three units. The committee recommended that CUAPP approve the online course approval requests when they are submitted by the department but intends to monitor carefully the L&S unit cap policy in light of these increased course unit values.
The FEC discussed Film and Media Studies 118 within the context of information supplied by Chair Anna Everett and expressed confidence that the content of this production course is appropriate and that students' interests are protected. The Chair sent a memo to this effect to the Undergraduate Council.

The FEC reviewed the Biology Transfer Admission Requirement Changes. After much deliberation, the committee did not endorse the proposed changes and forwarded a memo with its concerns to the Undergraduate Council.

**Proposals for New Programs or Discontinuation of Existing Programs**

The FEC voted unanimously to endorse the establishment of the following emphases within the Bachelor of Arts in Theater for Fall 2007: Emphasis in Design; Emphasis in Directing; Emphasis in Playwriting; and Emphasis in Theater Studies. The item was referred to the Undergraduate Council for final action.

In a resubmission, the Department of Asian American Studies honors program proposal was endorsed by the FEC by a unanimous vote and forwarded to the Undergraduate Council for further action.

The FEC endorsed by a unanimous vote the proposal for a Computational Economics emphasis in the B.A. major in Computer Science. The proposal was forwarded to the Undergraduate Council for further action.

The FEC voted unanimously in favor of the establishment of two new emphases in the Department of Earth Science: 1) Earth and Planetary Science, and 2) Geohydrology. The proposal was forwarded to the Undergraduate Council for further action.

In its initial review, there was support for a graduate program in feminist studies within the FEC, but questions about course coverage and the curricular impact of the graduate program need to be satisfactorily addressed before the committee could endorse the Proposal for M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Feminist Studies at UCSB. The FEC later reviewed a revised proposal and conditioned its endorsement of the Feminist Studies M.A./Ph.D. on maintenance of its quality undergraduate program and adequate funding for faculty FTE, graduate student support, and staff. The FEC Chair sent a memo to the Graduate Council.

At the request of the Department of Linguistics, the proposal for a new undergraduate minor in teaching English to speakers of other languages was tabled pending consultation by Linguistics with the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education. The proposal was not resubmitted.

The FEC tabled a proposal from the Music Department to disestablish the Guitar Emphasis pending a departmental vote. The proposal was not resubmitted.

The FEC unanimously voted to endorse the proposal from the Department of Germanic, Slavic, and Semitic Studies to discontinue the minor in German Literature. The matter was forwarded to the Undergraduate Council.

FEC unanimously approved the discontinuation of the Writing 50 waiver exam and its removal from the General Catalog.
The FEC did not endorse the Proposal for a Major in Cultural Studies with the College of Creative Studies. Questions revolved around the programmatic details of the major; identifiable departmental home; level of faculty coordinator; level of support from potential participating faculty members; and, importantly, trade-off in teaching assignments for L&S faculty.

The FEC did not endorse the proposal for a new minor in Studies in Work, Labor and Political Economy. The committee forwarded its concerns to the Chair of the History Department.

**Name Changes**

The FEC endorsed the change of name for the Department of Dramatic Art to the Department of Theater and Dance. The committee also endorsed the proposal to change the name of the “Bachelor of Arts in Dramatic Art” to “Bachelor of Arts in Theater”. It is recommended that both name changes take effect Fall 2007. The FEC voted unanimously to forward these two items with its endorsement to the Undergraduate Council.

The FEC voted unanimously to endorse the name change of the undergraduate emphasis in the History of Art and Architecture from “Non-Western Emphasis” to “Art of Africa, Asia, and the Americas” and forwarded the item to the Undergraduate Council.

**ERC Comments and Questions**

The FEC submitted to the Program Review Panel comments and suggested questions to be included in the academic program review for the following departments:

- Department of Physics
- Department of Political Science
- Department of English
- Department of Geography
- Department of the History of Art and Architecture
- Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies

The FEC also submitted comments and suggested questions to be included in the dean’s program review of the Department of Military Science and the dean’s program review of the Writing Program.

**Comments on Policy Matters**

FEC endorsed the proposed Science and Math Initiative in concept and asked that the Committee be consulted by the Undergraduate Council as the program details are developed and implemented.

The FEC considered the proposed systemwide policy on the role of graduate students in university instruction. The committee supported the dean’s central role in determining appropriate use of graduate students as instructors of record, especially given the need for flexibility with so much variation among departments. The consensus of the committee was that the proposed policy would restrict the College in fulfilling its instructional mission and limit the College in its goal of providing important and appropriate experience to graduate students as occasional instructors of record. The committee’s comments were forwarded to the Chair of the Academic Senate.
The FEC supported the formalization of procedures for establishing non-ORU centers, but favored more authority than the proposed policy describes for the deans in conjunction with department chairs. The committee recommended that the Academic Senate not play a role in the establishment or review of non-ORU centers. The committee’s comments were forwarded to the Chair of the Academic Senate.

The College of Letters and Science FEC reviewed Academic Senate Bylaw 125, which reads as follows: “A department major shall consist of upper-division courses of which at least two-thirds of the units are in one department, and which are coordinated and supervised by that department.” The FEC voted unanimously to support adding the following sentence to the end of 125.B.1.: "Exceptions to the two-thirds requirement may be granted by the Undergraduate Council after receiving the advice and consent of the FEC." The FEC’s comments were forwarded to the Undergraduate Council.

The FEC endorsed the purpose of the Academic Senate’s proposed actions relating to undergraduate student unit loads and expected cumulative progress. The FEC provided comments to the Academic Senate on the implementation details of the proposal and the workload implications for Student Academic Affairs. The Committee also recommended a one-year education period for students prior to applying the new standards for expected progress.

The FEC did not endorse restricting UC acceptance of research funds from tobacco companies, recommending instead a reliance on conflict of interest regulations and the peer review process already in place as adequate safeguards against inappropriately funded research.

The FEC discussed the Revised Student Freedom of Scholarly Inquiry Principles and supported the Principles as revised.

**FEC Election Procedures**
The past two elections of FEC members have been conducted electronically in an effort to save paper and enhance efficiency. This year, after receiving no nominations in the first call, the committee changed the nomination process to allow nominations by email with the concurrence of the nominee. The result was that each divisional slot had at least one nominee, and a successful election for all open divisional slots on the FEC was conducted.

**Members**
Professor David Cannell
Professor Richard Church
Associate Professor Andrew Flanagin
Executive Dean David Marshall (ex officio)
**Associate Professor Luke Roberts**
Professor Douglas Steigerwald
Professor Robert Williams
Dean of Undergraduate Studies Alan Wyner (ex officio)
Ms. Sara Rosenblit (student representative)