To the Faculty Legislature, Santa Barbara Division:

Charge: To govern the College of Creative Studies in accordance with the provisions of Divisional Bylaw 40A [Am 25 Oct 01; 27 May 04], specifically:

1. To represent faculty in all aspects of the curriculum of the College.
2. To authorize the Dean, at the committee's discretion, to enforce all regulations concerning students, including the regulations governing transfer and academic disqualification.
3. To advise and assist the Dean in the administration of the College.
4. To appoint all committees of the Faculty not otherwise provided for.

SUMMARY

The Executive Committee of the College of Creative Studies (CCS) met 9 times during the academic year 2007-08 and addressed many issues. Prominent among these were:

- The FEC reviewed a proposal to establish new majors in Electrical Engineering (EE) and Computer Engineering (CE) in the College.
- The FEC endorsed a new major in Cultural Studies in the College.
- The FEC created the CCS Faculty Executive Committee Commendation for Excellence.

STRUCTURAL CHANGES

CCS Faculty Executive Committee Commendation for Excellence. A proposal was put forth to examine the possibility of creating a distinction in the major award. The FEC discussed this idea at several meetings resulting in the creation of a new “Commendation for Excellence” Award. This award recognizes truly outstanding performance by a CCS graduating senior in his or her overall intellectual and creative endeavors. Students are nominated by faculty and a special session of the FEC is convened to review potential awardees. Unanimous approval of the FEC members in attendance is required. Two such awards were bestowed at the 2008 CCS Commencement Ceremony.

Online Application. The FEC discussed and worked with faculty and staff to develop an online application to CCS. This will reduce the number of mailings that the college has to make. Streamlining and improving the online application process will continue in the next academic year.

New Major in Cultural Studies. The FEC voted unanimously to endorse the proposal to create a new major in Cultural Studies. The endorsement was sent on to the Academic Senate as part of the review process and will be reviewed by the Dean of the Social Sciences, and the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Academic Programs and Policy in the coming year.
**SELF-ASSESSMENT**

**CCS Commencement Format** Over the summer of 2007, the Dean polled CCS faculty, students, and alumni about the then current commencement ceremony format. All polled groups felt the current format should be retained, and it was employed at graduation, 2008.

**Breadth Requirements** The FEC continued its discussion of the application of breadth requirements. Our graduation requirements were reworded to state that the 8 courses taken outside and unrelated to the major be “chosen in consultation with, and with approval of his/her CCS advisor”.

**RESPONSES TO OUTSIDE REQUESTS**

**EEMB Departmental Review** The FEC forwarded its comments on the data notebook for the EEMB department to the Chair of the Program Review Panel. We were delighted with the strength of the programmatic links between CCS and EEMB, and are happy that this commensal relationship is flourishing. We noted that in future reviews, CCS biology should be included in student surveys and interviews with reviewers.

**English Department Review** The FEC forwarded its comments on the data notebook for Department of English to the Chair of the Program Review Panel. We congratulate the Department for a successful review and CCS looks forward to continuing discussions and collaborations as to the ways in which CCS might provide resources and opportunities to allow the Department to address interests of its students and at the same time provide access to research opportunities within the Department for CCS students, now and in the very near future.

**Role of graduate Students in University Instruction** The FEC felt that the proposed changes to the roles of graduate students in instruction and subsequent amendments required further clarification before approval.

**Review of Policies on Transfer, Consolidation, Discontinuance, and Disestablishment of Academic Programs and Units** The FEC approved the proposed changes.

**Informal Systemwide Senate Review of a Proposed UC Undergraduate Mission Statement** The FEC reviewed the Statement and advised the UCSB Senate that they had no further comments or suggestions to offer.

**Report of the University of California Joint Ad Hoc Committee on International Education** The FEC was very concerned that the report arrived with minimal consultation with the leadership of EAP at both the systemwide and campus levels. Thus they unanimously concurred that the ad hoc committee’s report be withdrawn from campus consultation until the leadership of EAP has had the opportunity to fully integrate its knowledge and insight into this report.

**Revised Regulations for Campus Activities, Organizations and Students** The FEC had no further comments on the proposed changes and suggested that substantial changes to these regulations be pointed out to faculty, staff and students.

**Dialectic Paper on Remote/Online Instruction** The proposed changes to SR 694 and creation of SR 695 do not impact CCS directly as we currently do not offer graduate courses.

**Workload Policy Guidelines** The FEC concurred that there is a need for such guidelines but had concerns about the implied effort required to create these guidelines. Concerns were also raised about the potential for decentralizing departmental policies and potential inequities across the disciplines on campus.
BOARS Proposal to Revise UC Eligibility  The FEC reviewed this proposal at its November 5 meeting. The FEC felt that the current proposal would have minor impact on CCS. However there were members of the FEC that believed that the removal of the guarantee of admission to the top 12.5% might in fact have a detrimental impact on applicants from disadvantaged high schools. The revised proposal was reviewed at their March 21 meeting. The FEC voted unanimously to offer their support to the ETR (entitled to review) proposal in its current revised form.

Nominations for the Program Review Panel  The FEC forwarded its recommendations for nominees for membership on the PRP commencing Fall 2008

Selection of Academic Units for 2009-2010 Academic Program Review  The FEC discussed the selection of departments and programs for review during the 09-10 academic year and provided their recommendations to Dean Tiffney who then forwarded a response to EVC Lucas.

Program Review Process  The FEC reviewed the PRP process. Their response was sent to the Chair of PRP noting that the Lecturers who carry a significant portion of the instructional load in CCS are sometimes not provided sufficient time with the external review committees commensurate with their contributions to the departmental teaching effort.

ITEMS OF NOTE

Two new shared Lecturers (LPSOE) began teaching in CCS during this academic year:  John Latto started in the fall quarter in the CCS Biology program and the Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Marine Biology (50%-50%) and Phillip Conrad began in the winter quarter in the CCS Computer Science Program and Department of Computer Science,(CoE – 50%-50%).

Christopher Wilderman has joined the CCS staff as a Student Affairs Officer to assist Leslie Campbell in advising CCS students.

The FEC approved a request by CCS Math program to explore the possibility of a new major in Statistics and Probability. An abstract was submitted to the Office of Budget and Planning and the EVC for submission to the Office of the President and inclusion in the Five Year Plan.

Upon his retirement from the Campus Office of International Students and Scholars, Dr. Dan Smith (who has long taught courses on Intercultural Communication in CCS) chose to base his ongoing program on Global Medicine at CCS. This has resulted in a heightened awareness of CCS among supporters of Global Medicine. As a result, The Rudi and Berta Schulte Angels Charitable Trust donated $10,000 to the College for the purpose of funding The Rudi and Berta Schulte Angels Charitable Trust Fellowship Award. The intention of this Fellowship is to provide multiple awards of up to $2,500 in assistance to help recipients to defray costs, including travel, registration, food, lodging and other related expenses incurred from taking coursework and/or attending conferences which address the subject area of “Integrative Medicine”.

CCS held an open house reception during the All Gaucho Reunion weekend to mark the 40th year anniversary of the College. Approximately 50 faculty and alumni attended the event.

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of Michaeleen Howatt the CCS Development Officer. Michaeleen will be missed by all and a Memorial fund was established in her honor. A Memorial Bench will also be placed in close proximity to the CCS Building 494.

CCS students organized a “Research Day”. Students engaged in undergraduate research were given the opportunity to display posters on their research in the College hallways. A reception was held to mark the event.

The student run literary journal “Spectrum” celebrated 30 years of creative works by publishing an Anthology edition covering the years 1979-2008.
CONTINUING AND NEW ITEMS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2008-09

Online Application  A committee has been formed to look at ways to better integrate the online application process for CCS.

CCS Research Day  We will look into instituting this as an annual event, possibly in conjunction with CCS summer undergraduate research fellowship (SURF) awardees.

Sustainability  CCS Students initiate a committee to ensure that the college functions in as sustainable manner as possible.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Leroy Laverman, FEC Chair, CCS Chemistry and Biochemistry, Chemistry and Biochemistry
Gerardo Aldana, Chicano/Chicana Studies, Member at large
Maribel Bueno-Cachadina, CCS Math, Math (proxy for CCS math)
Harry Reese, CCS Literature, Associate Dean & Art (proxy for CCS literature)
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Lisa Parks, Film and Media Studies, Member At Large
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