To the Faculty Legislature, Santa Barbara Division:

Purpose (per Bylaw 92): To authorize, supervise, and regulate all undergraduate courses and monitor the General Education Program.

CCGE held 15 regularly scheduled 90-minute meetings during the 2015-16 academic year and consulted as needed with faculty executive committees, academic deans, and other campus administrators. The Committee also benefited from the participation of regular consultants from the Registrar’s Office, College of Letters and Science Advising, and College of Engineering Advising. The Chair of CCGE met periodically with the Chairs of the Undergraduate Council and the Committee on Admissions, Enrollment and Relations with Schools to discuss shared undergraduate concerns.

Course Requests

CCGE has final approval authority over the establishment, modification, and discontinuation of all undergraduate courses, including those that are taught online. On behalf of the Committee, individual members review and act on course requests via the Master Course Approval System, forwarding any questionable requests for full-committee review and final action by the Committee Chair. Several hundred requests are reviewed each year.

CCGE approved 10 proposals for fully online courses, 2 of which were granted initial one-year approval, and 7 of which were approved for a period of 2 years, and all of which will require renewed approval based on assessment of their effectiveness.

The Committee approved 20 General Education course proposals and several requests for changes to the final exam schedule.

UCSB Extension Proposals

CCGE granted renewed approval of 24 UCSB Extension courses and approved 15 proposals for the initial hire or renewed appointment of Extension instructors.

Associate Appointment Appointments

CCGE reviewed 175 Associate appointment proposals, as compared to 185 in 2014-15 and 178 in 2013-14. All but 2 of the appointments were approved. In several instances, the Committee Chair contacted the chair of the proposing department to discuss concerns about below average performance in previous teaching assignments. In some cases, additional evidence of the candidate’s qualifications was requested and/or individual faculty mentoring was recommended.
Revision of Learning Outcomes for Area E of the GE Program

Following broad consultation and thorough assessment of the learning outcomes for Area E – Culture and Thought, substantial revisions were proposed by a group of faculty led by Acting Co-Dean of Undergraduate Education Linda Adler-Kassner. CCGE reviewed and endorsed these changes in Fall 2015 and recommended final approval by the Undergraduate Council.

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