

COLLEGE OF CREATIVE STUDIES FACULTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT, 2015-2016

CHARGE OF THE COMMITTEE

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 Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) of the College of Creative Studies (CCS) met 11 times during the academic year 2015-16 and addressed multiple issues. Prominent among these were:

- Redefining 'the faculty' in CCS
- Establishing more frequent faculty meetings
- Submission of an NSF proposal to support underrepresented minority students
- Formation of the Menon-Watson transdisciplinary fund
- Proposal for establishment of a Marine Science major in CCS

ISSUES AND OUTCOMES

Menon-Watson Transdisciplinary Fund

Three proposals were submitted, and one was funded. Jane Mi, an oceanographer and artist, was selected to be the 2015-16 Transdisciplinary Fellow, and presented the plenary lecture during the inaugural College of Creative Studies Transdisciplinary Seminar Series. This series of events was designed to facilitate exploration at the intersection of disciplines and included viewing and discussion of a short film by Mi, the plenary lecture, a Bioplastics Workshop and a 3D Digital Modeling Workshop in May 2016.

Proposed BS in Marine Science

A proposal to establish a new major in Marine Science was reviewed and approved by the FEC. The proposal was sent to the Academic Senate for further review in the 2016-17 academic year.

NSF proposal to support underrepresented minority student in STEM

A proposal to support underrepresented minority students in STEM disciplines in CCS was submitted to the National Science Foundation's NxGen Scholars Program. The project would fund students at a rate of \$10,000 per year per student in STEM majors.

Expanded Faculty Governance

The FEC approved a request to allow all CCS faculty to attend FEC meetings as non-voting participants. The faculty also instituted regular monthly faculty meetings to address College wide issues and to keep faculty informed of issues related to CCS.

Redefinition of the CCS Faculty

Extensive discussions over several faculty meetings occurred toward reevaluating what it means to be a faculty member in CCS. Originally the College was founded on the premise that there would be no permanent faculty in the College. The aim was to maintain a continuously rotating group of ladder faculty in each discipline. The College has grown substantially over the past 45+ years and we now have a core contingent of LSOE faculty along with dedicated unit 18 and ladder faculty and many contributing ladder faculty from cognate departments. A change to the CCS bylaws was drafted to redefine the faculty as 1) those with permanent non-zero appointment in CCS and 2) affiliate ladder faculty that are nominated by the program committee in each major and approved by a vote of the FEC. The bylaw changes were sent to the Academic Senate and are currently under review.

Changes to Voting Procedures

The CCS bylaws were modified to extend the right to vote to eligible faculty members which are on approved leave. The changes were approved by the Committee on Academic Personnel.

Assessment Plans for Program Learning Outcomes

Assessment plans for PLO's in each major were created and approved. Implementation of the plans will commence during the 2016-17 academic year.

RESPONSE TO OUTSIDE REQUESTS

Sexual Violence and Sexual Harrassment Policy Revision

The FEC was appreciative of the work done to clarify policy

Red Binder Revisions on University and Public Service

The FEC has no concerns about the proposed changes

Proposal to require students participating in Simultaneous Enrollment to be enrolled in a minimum of 12 units at UCSB

The FEC discussed this proposal and was in support of the recommended changes.

Retirement Options Task Force Report

The Faculty was concerned that the proposed changes would negatively impact recruitment of new faculty. The lower wages of a public university would be less attractive to candidates with a weaker benefits package.

Joint Committee of the Administration and Academic Senate Faculty Discipline Report

The FEC was supportive of the proposed language clarifying the procedures involving faculty misconduct.

Search Waivers for UC Academic Appointees

After discussion, the FEC was supportive of ensuring flexibility in appointments

ITEMS OF NOTE

CCS Biology faculty member Dr. John Latto was awarded the Academic Senate Distinguished Teaching Award.

CCS students took first and second place in the campus wide Undergraduate Research SLAM competition.

A new CCS brochure for recruiting, development and public relations was created and printed.

After 10 years of exemplary service, Dean Bruce Tiffney stepped down. The FEC and the College are grateful for his dedication and commitment to the College and its students, staff, and faculty. The Associate Dean, Gerardo Aldana having served the College for 1.5 years will also be stepping down to become Chair of the Chicano/Chicana Studies Department. The College thanks him for his service, in particular with the re-visioning of the Writing and Literature Major.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Leroy E. Laverman, Chair, Senior Lecturer SOE, Chemistry and Biochemistry, College of Creative Studies

Gerardo Aldana, Associate Dean, Professor of Anthropology and Chicana/o Studies

Peter Alagona, At-Large Member, History and Environmental Studies, Fall only

Bisi Agboola, Mathematics, College of Creative Studies

Tengiz Bibilasvili, Lecturer SOE, Physics, College of Creative Studies

Omer Egecioglu, Professor, Computer Science

Stu Feinstein, Professor, MCDB, Fall only

Kathy Foltz, At-Large Member

Jeremy J. Haladyna, Senior Lecturer SOE, College of Creative Studies

Leslie Hogan, Non-Senate Academic Rep, Continuing Lecturer, College of Creative Studies

John G. Latto, Lecturer SOE, Ecology, Evolution and Marine Biology, College of Creative Studies, (Winter and Spring quarter only)

Jane Mulfinger, Professor, Art, FW

Harry Reese, Professor, Art, S

Madeleine Sorapure, At-Large Member, Program Director, Writing Program

Bruce H. Tiffney, Ex Officio Dean, College of Creative Studies; Professor, Earth Science

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