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; 09 Mar 17) 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 9 times during the academic year 2016-17 and addressed many issues. Prominent among these were:

- A new definition of the College of Creative Studies Faculty.
- Discussion of changes to the LSOE series and its impacts on CCS students and faculty.
- Responses to multiple external queries.

ISSUES AND OUTCOMES

Redefining the CCS Faculty.
After extensive discussion within CCS in the 2015/16 academic year a proposal to change the definition of CCS ‘Faculty’ was submitted to the academic senate (By-law 125 and Appendix 1). This was approved by the Academic senate (09 Mar 17). The FEC continued discussion of items related to this change.

Divisional regulation 200.C.5
Following changes to degree names within CCS and a review of regulations and bylaws it was noted that the Divisional Regulation outlining general requirements for degrees within Colleges needed to be updated to reflect the current degree names (Chemistry changed to Chemistry and Biochemistry and Computer Science changed to Computing). This change was approved by the FEC and subsequently approved by the Faculty legislature.

Marine Science major
A proposal to establish a new major in Marine Science was sent to the Academic Senate for review. Regular updates were provided to the FEC about the feedback from other campus committees and departments. A revised proposal will be submitted in Fall, 2017.

50th Anniversary Planning
Regular updates and discussion took place concerning the forthcoming 50th Anniversary of the College. A website was produced and a conference is planned for November, 2017. Various other events are scheduled throughout the year.
RESPONSE TO OUTSIDE REQUESTS

Proposal to establish a BS degree in Bioengineering
The proposal was discussed and the committee submitted comments.

APM revisions to Lecturer SOE series
The FEC extensively discussed the proposed changes to APM 285, 210-3, 133-0-B and 740 affecting the LSOE series. Many of the faculty most involved with CCS, coordinating the programs, teaching classes and advising students are either LPSOE, LSOE or SLSE’s and so will be affected by these changes. In addition the college itself has very successfully used this series and hired faculty based on the current regulations. Much concern was raised about how the changes would affect both the faculty and the College. Although faculty were broadly supportive of some of the changes to the series (a change to a less obscure name and a regularization of the salary scale and issues like sabbaticals) much concern was raised over the additional requirement of significant pedagogical research that was proposed. A letter was submitted outlining the concerns raised.

Revised Presidential Policy on Electronic Information Security (IS-3)
Although there were no direct concerns about the policy there were concerns that resources would not be available to support the changes. The proposed changes increase the amount of work required to allow external software to be used.

ITEMS OF NOTE

- A retreat for all faculty of the College of Creative Studies was held on November 19th.
- Following a departure, a search was carried out, and successfully completed, for a new Development Officer.
- CCS held its annual science week in early November, in conjunction with Parents Weekend, with a display of research posters provided by the recipients of the 2016 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships, as well as other CCS students who had undertaken research projects.
- A campus wide search committee held an international search for a new Dean of CCS. A recommendation was made to the Chancellor.
- A search for a new LSOE in Math (50% in CCS, 50% in the Department of Mathematics in L&S) was successfully carried out.
- A search for a new LSOE in in Computing (50% in CCS, 50% in Computer Science in CoE) was successfully carried out.
- Following faculty input, the Interim Dean and staff held discussions with CAPS about reserving time and space within the CCS building for both workshops and walk-in appointments.
- Staff members Jen Johansen and Sara Sterphone were awarded Citation of Excellence awards from the UCSB staff assembly.
- A highly successful outreach event was held in coordination with the Neighborhood Academic Initiative program at USC.
- Four FEC Commendation of Excellence awards and one CCS Student Service Award were made.
- A CCS student, Daniel Spokoyny (Computing) was a recipient of the 2016 Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research and a CCS Faculty member, Professor Stuart Feinstein (Biology), was recognized with the Chancellor’s Award for
Contributions to Undergraduate Research for his mentorship of undergraduates in the research laboratory.

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