

Date: 23 May 2018
To: SEC / The Senate
From: D.J. Hopkins, AP&P Chair
Subject: Information Report

The Academic Policy and Planning Committee met in finals week to address old business and new.

In preparation for today's meeting, AP&P members reviewed both the ERG Compendium and a report on it drafted by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, with whom AP&P co-authors the annual ERG report. Some revisions and additions were recommended. The next draft of the compendium report will be circulated to AP&P members and, if approved, will be sent to SEC for that committee's August meeting. My thanks to Norah Shultz, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs/Academic Engagement and Student Achievement, for taking a leadership role in writing this report.

In September 2017, AP&P received the following referral from the Senate:

Consider SDSU's GE course identification process, both in general and with specific attention to a) course proposals that may be perceived to cross into another department or school's disciplinary purview and b) double-counting of courses for major and GE.

This is the second of two significant curriculum-related referrals sent to AP&P. Consideration of these two referrals has consumed a great deal of attention from this committee throughout AY 2017-18 — both research and deliberation. Our response to the first referral was submitted to the Senate and approved last March. The second referral has been developed over the last two months, following substantial research beginning in Fall 2017.

AP&P is working on a set of general principles to be used by the faculty in general and the General Education (GE) Committee in specific when developing and evaluating GE course proposals. These principles will serve as a guide for GE curriculum originators and evaluators until such time as they are superseded by recommendations from the General Education Task Force.

AP&P reviewed draft principles in advance of the May meeting, approving the general scope of the response and the content of the principles. A subcommittee was formed to execute substantial revisions and to complete the draft. An advanced draft will be sent to AP&P members in late May. When approved, this Action item will be sent to SEC for that committee's August meeting.

AP&P received a proposal for a new major: Language, Culture, and Society (BA, jointly proposed by the Department of Linguistics and Asian / Middle Eastern Languages and the Department of Anthropology). The committee was joined by Dr. Betty Samraj (Chair, Department of Linguistics) and Dr. Frederick Conway (Chair, Department of Anthropology), who provided substantial information about the proposal in advance of the meeting and answered questions at the meeting. Motion to accept the new major in Language, Culture, and Society was unanimously approved. AP&P members had a few friendly recommendations for the development of the major; approval of the major was not contingent upon implementation of these recommendations.

Election of AP&P officers for AY 2018-19:
Chair D.J. Hopkins was re-elected to serve as Chair.
Secretary Randy Philipp was re-elected to serve as Secretary.

Last, AP&P is adjusting its schedule of meetings for AY 2018-19 in order to optimize our communication with other Senate committees and to avoid holding our last meeting in finals week. If this new schedule is found to be productive in 2018-19 and encounters no conflicts, then this will become our permanent meeting schedule. The new dates are as follows.

August 28, 2018
September 25, 2018
October 23, 2018
November 27, 2018

January 29, 2019
February 26, 2019
March 26, 2019
April 30, 2019