



Districtwide Coordinating Educational Council

Anticipate and serve the educational needs of the students in the District by reviewing, facilitating, and recommending educational initiatives and programs districtwide, consistent with existing District and College planning processes and Board Policies 2410 and 2510.

Meeting Notes *March 16, 2007*

1:00 p.m. Heritage of the Americas Museum

Present: C. Chiriboga, B. Hertel, J. Marron, C. Hill, G. Perri, T. Pitt, P. Wright
Absent: J. Al-Amin, D. Colli, J. Colson, J. Ford, B. Hash, S. Seevers, B. Schmiede,
B. Smith, M. Wangler
Recorder: L. Davidson

I. **Additions to the Agenda**

There were no additions to the agenda.

II. **Board Policy BP 5016 Probation, Disqualification, Readmission**

B. Hertel distributed copies of the current BP 5016.

J. Marron stated there is concern the request to have disqualification processed once a year at the end of spring may be lost in the debate over the number of units for probation. With the holiday break at the end of the fall semester, staff are not available to answer questions, and process student petitions for readmission. This may result in significant numbers of students leaving our colleges when they receive a disqualification letter.

B. Hertel stated this could be addressed in the administrative procedures. He discussed the survey of the 109 Community Colleges in California, which show 106 impose probation at 12 units, two have no unit requirement, and one has 8 units.

T. Pitt suggested it is easy enough to move the date the student records system processes student disqualification to late spring.

J. Marron stated this could be done automatically.

C. Hill asked why the members are discussing the disqualification timing when there has not been a resolution on the number of units for probation. She also asked if the Cuyamaca Academic Senate approved the 12 units.

G. Perri stated she believes the Cuyamaca Academic Senate is more inclined to support the 12 unit requirement after receiving the survey results of other California colleges.

B. Hertel stated until agreement between the colleges is reached to change the existing policy, the existing policy will be enforced. If an agreement on changes is reached, the issue would be forwarded to DEC for review. He stated the Governing Board might not approve a change in the number of units with most community colleges at 12 units.

J. Marron stated there are two distinct issues; the processing of student disqualifications once a year at the end of the spring semester, and the A&R people want further discussion on the number of units a student has taken with a 2.0 GPA or lower that places them on probation. He stated he would like to know the number of students that left this year after fall disqualification. Current practice directs students to the office to file a petition on the first disqualification. Readmission is always approved. On the second disqualification, students must see a counselor. Further disqualifications may result in student petitions being placed on hold status until they follow through on counselor recommendations. J. Marron suggested the A&R people should be present for further discussion.

T. Pitt stated it is easy enough to automate the disqualification letter to state you may fill out a petition for readmission on the first disqualification, on the second you must see a counselor.

B. Hertel explained this is an issue of formal versus informal intervention. Nothing prevents counselors from developing early intervention, but formal probation printed on transcripts will be at 12 units. Counselors can and should help here with informal interventions.

J. Marron stated he would like to see this happen. The administrative procedure could do this with automatic readmission. We do not want to kick students out after the fall semester.

T. Pitt suggested an administrative procedure be written that will allow students to enroll in classes. She stated a procedure is what B. Tiffany and B. Appenzeller want to see. She suggested the formation of a committee to write the administrative procedure.

III. Board Policy 4225 Course Repetition

C. Chiriboga requested and members approved reversing the order of paragraphs two and three in the draft Board Policy 4225 for a more logical order as follows:

Subject to the provisions above, additional repetitions of the special specific classes are permitted to provide accommodations to a student's educational limitations pursuant to state and federal non discrimination laws when such repetitions are essential to completing a student's preparation for enrollment into other regular or special classes.

A student may not repeat a course in which a grade of "C" or higher was earned except by petition under extenuating circumstances. If such circumstances do exist, the grade earned in the repeated course shall not be counted in the calculating the student's GPA.

Members approved this change. BP 4225 will be forwarded to DEC.

IV. BP 4050 Articulation, BP 5120 Transfer Center, BP 5500 Standards of Student Conduct, BP 5550 Speech: Time, Place, and Manner, BP 5700 Athletics

B. Hertel distributed the above draft copies of board policies needing minor, technical changes such as Education code section numbers. The members approved these board polices and requested they be forwarded to DEC.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

The next DCEC meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. in the District Office South (Annex) Conference Room.

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