

Council on Student Experience 2012-2013 Annual Report

To the Irvine Divisional Assembly:

The Council on Student Experience (CSE) respectfully submits its report of activities for the academic year 2012-13.

I. Council Operations

Arvind Rajaraman, Professor of Physics and Astronomy, chaired the Council on Student Experience (CSE) in 2012-13. The Council met eight times during the academic year. Attending regular CSE meetings were twelve elected faculty members, the Associate Dean and Assistant Dean of the Division of Undergraduate Education, the Chair of the Board on Undergraduate Scholarships, Honors and Financial Aid (BUSHFA), the Librarians Association of the University of California, Irvine (LAUC-I) Representative, the Director of the Teaching, Learning & Technology Center (TLTC), the Director of the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, two representatives from the Association of Graduate Students (AGS) and two representatives from the Associated Students of University of California, Irvine (ASUCI).

II. Divisional Issues

A. Revisions to Irvine Appendix VIII, Academic Honesty

The Council met throughout the year to develop a preliminary draft of the Academic Integrity Policy. Members invited the associate deans, deans, AGS, ASUCI, the Council on Educational Policy and Graduate Council to review the draft and forward comments for discussion. The Academic Integrity Workgroup convened by CSE met seven times throughout the year to review and incorporate suggested changes into the draft policy. The draft policy will be presented to CSE for approval October 2013 and is expected to reach the Divisional Senate Assembly for final approval Spring Quarter 2014.
(*CSE meetings, 12/03/12, 01/07/13, 02/04/13, 03/04/13, 06/03/13*)(*CSE memos, 09/14/12, 04/11/13*) (*CEP memo, 05/10/13*) (*GC memo, 05/14/13*)

B. Online Access to Teaching Evaluation Results Pilot

CSE worked with Electronic Educational Environment to develop and implement a pilot program for online access to teaching evaluations. The pilot program was released Fall Quarter 2012 and is expected to conclude Spring Quarter 2015.

The results of the EEE administered teaching evaluations for each undergraduate course taught by a Senate faculty member are posted online after course grades have been submitted and are available for four years. Results show a numeric mean, median, and standard deviation number. At least five students must take the survey in order for results to appear.

At its November 5, 2012 meeting, CSE met with EEE representatives to review the pilot's release, types of evaluation forms used, the opt-out feature, and the name of the evaluation tool. A sample CTEF form was used on the EEE website. Each school and department had the option of choosing what evaluation form they would use.

Faculty teaching an undergraduate course are allowed to opt out of the online posting of results on a course by course basis. CSE members agreed to accept and review any opt-out requests submitted after the opt-out deadline at each meeting throughout the first

year. The Council will meet with EEE Fall Quarter 2013 to discuss the first year's results and any possible changes needed.

(CSE meeting, 11/05/12)

C. Student Parking Issues

Background

Graduate student parking issues date back to 2009. Due to issues such as work hours outside of 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., distance from campus, weather, safety, and reduced shuttle service, graduate students have requested arrangements for free parking on campus. Initially parking arrangements were provided by way of the existing Sustainable Transportation Program. Through this program, students were allowed to park on nights and weekends with an additional five days of parking in AR marked stalls by using a hangtag to be placed on the rearview mirror.

In June 2011 all sustainable transportation users were informed via e-mail the system would be discontinued due to widespread fraud. Graduate students were not offered an alternative means of transportation and no further explanation was provided. When graduate students contacted Parking and Transportation, they were informed a new pass would be issued specifically for their use. A month later the students were then notified the system had changed and would now be reduced to five times a month with nights starting at 7 p.m. Parking and Transportation shared that the reduced time was due to the traffic impacts on the sustainability program. Students in the system as employees and enrolled in the sustainable transportation program now get a six-digit code for parking privileges.

Resolution Measures

Graduate students expressed concern with the changes in the process and lack of communication. The students shared they were unsuccessful in contacting various representatives from administration to resolve their parking issues. During Fall Quarter 2012, the students were directed towards mediation through their union labor relations representative.

The Council invited Parking and Transportation to its November 5, 2012 meeting for an overview of the Parking and Transportation and the programs implemented throughout the campus for students. CSE continues to monitor student parking issues and will invite both the student representatives and parking to discuss at future meetings.

(CSE meetings, 10/01/12, 11/05/12)

D. UCI Abroad White Paper

At its December 3, 2012 meeting, CSE reviewed the UCI Abroad White Paper and forwarded possible issues with academic integrity, discrimination, and complaints at the request of the Senate Cabinet. The white paper describes a “feasibility study for establishing a branch campus of the University of California, Irvine – “UCI Abroad” – in a location outside the United States to be determined.

The Council was interested in learning more about international education opportunities but felt the limited information offered in the white paper did not enable them to encourage or endorse the proposal in its current form. Members felt the proposal raised questions regarding whether the branch campus is being considered simply for monetary reasons as opposed to educational opportunities and offered no guarantees about what the abroad campus will look like in ten years. The Council felt the following concerns should be considered if administration were to move forward with the proposal: 1) The overall

student experience as local customs and policies may affect student groups and free speech; 2) student course load; 3) the UCI brand; 4) faculty teaching loads; 5) funding for the program; 6) student travel between the branch and satellite campuses.
(*CSE meeting – 12/03/12*) (*CSE memo – 12/14/12*)

E. Faculty Involvement with Greek Associations

Kathryn Rush, President of Panhellenic surveyed the Council on suggestions on how to promote faculty involvement with campus Greek associations. Panhellenic is working to improve Greek life on campus through partnerships in academics and athletics. Their goal is to have at least one faculty advisor for each of the sorority chapters where students can go for mentoring or to get assistance in accessing and/or learning about campus resources. The minimum requirement would involve one event a quarter for a total of three per year.

Council members suggested a link be added to the Panhellenic website for staff and faculty to get more involved and that a set of guidelines be created to help faculty better understand what their range of involvement might include with examples of how much time they would need to contribute, how many events they might need to attend, and the frequency of meetings. Additionally, members suggested information on the sororities be put together inclusive of the names of the sororities, membership totals, GPA's, and special interests.

The Council will continue to work with Panhellenic on faculty involvement and will review upcoming issues and requests and future meetings as they are presented.
(*CSE meeting, 03/04/13*)

F. Faculty Access to Student Pictures via Rosters

The idea of adding photos to class rosters was originally introduced in the 2008-09 academic year by undergraduate student government representatives and staff from EEE. A white paper was presented to the Undergraduate Council and it eventually came to CSE. During this time, only half of the Associated Students – UC Irvine were in favor of the proposal. The proposal was reintroduced in 2009-2010 and received unanimous support by the student government, was approved by CSE, and supported by the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs.

Due to budget cuts, the development and implementation of the project was delayed until this year. The photos are expected to be used for rosters beginning Summer 2013. The expectation is to advertise more fully for the fall in order to yield greater utilization. Additionally information will be shared to help students and faculty better understand how the photos will be used. The photo rosters will be optional for faculty. Students will not be allowed to submit photos. The photo in the system used for student ID's will be the photo used for the roster. Elizabeth Bennett will be invited back Fall Quarter 2013 to update the Council on the trial results.
(*CSE meeting, 04/01/13*)

G. Graduate Student Housing

The Council met with Lisa Cornish, Sr. Executive Director of Student Housing and Daniel Dooros, Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs to discuss student housing availability, the graduate student housing transition, housing costs, and resolving conflict as safety issues arise. Housing representatives will be invited back during 2013-14 to discuss the issues in greater detail and update the Council on the housing transition progress.
(*CSE meeting 05/06/13*)

H. Campus Discrimination Policies

Students from ASUCI and AGS shared concerns expressed by student groups regarding the black face video released by one of the Greek fraternities on campus. The students requested the Council meet with administration to discuss discrimination practices and policies on campus in an effort to better address any future campus incidents. The Council reviewed the students' request and plans to reach out to the Senate Chair Fall Quarter 2013.

(CSE meeting 06/03/13)

III. Systemwide Senate Issues

A. Proposed Amendment to Senate Regulations Including SR 478 to Accommodate "IGETC" for Stem Majors

The Council found no major issues and endorsed the proposed amendments. Members did however note the changes should be monitored to evaluate the impact on lower division enrollment.

(CSE meeting, 04/01/13) (CSE memo, 04/12/13)

IV. New and/or Continuing Business for AY2013-2014

- A. The Academic Integrity Policy
- B. The Online Teaching Evaluation Results Pilot
- C. Campus discrimination policies

V. Invited Guests

Brooke Albiston, Assistant Athletic Director/Compliance, Athletics *(June 3, 2013)*

Sarah Amarragy, ASUCI Representative *(March 4, 2013)*

Julianna Bayley, Strategic Communications Manager, Transportation Services *(November 5, 2012)*

Elizabeth Bennett, University Registrar *(April 1, 2013)*

Dedra Butler, Assistant Athletic Director – Academic & Student Affairs, Athletics *(June 3, 2013)*

Jennifer Cartnal, Associate Director, Transportation Services *(November 5, 2012)*

Lisa Cornish, Senior Executive Director, Student Housing *(May 6, 2013)*

Justin Chung, AGS President *(October 1, 2012, May 6, 2013, June 3, 2013)*

Dan Dooros, Associate Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs *(May 6, 2013)*

Edgar Dormitorio, Director, Student Conduct *(January 7, 2013, February 4, 2013, March 4, 2013)*

Ron Fleming, Director, Transportation Services *(November 5, 2012)*

Mary Gilly, Senate Chair *(October 1, 2012)*

Traci Ishigo, ASUCI President *(October 1, 2012, June 3, 2013)*

Frances Leslie, Dean, Graduate Division *(February 4, 2013)*

James Meeker, Associate Dean, School of Social Ecology *(February 4, 2013)*

Mark Petracca, Associate Dean, School of Social Sciences *(February 4, 2013)*

Kathryn Rush, President, Panhellenic Association *(March 4, 2013)*

Sharon Salinger, Dean, Division of Undergraduate Education *(December 3, 2012, February 4, 2013)*

Paula Smith, Deputy Athletic Director/Senior Woman Administrator, Athletics *(June 3, 2013)*

David Snow, Professor of Sociology, Faculty Athletics Representative, Chair of the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics *(June 3, 2013)*

Ray Vadnais, User Experience Architect, Office of Information Technology *(November 5, 2012)*

Briandy Walden, Assistant Director of Academic Technologies, Office of Information Technology *(November 5, 2012)*

VI. Council Membership**Senate Members (voting)**

Christopher Bauman, Business
Alejandro Camacho (FQ), Law
Rachel Croskery-Roberts (SQ), Law
Holly Durbin, Arts
Amihai Glazer, Social Sciences
Young Jik Kwon, Health Sciences
Mona Lynch, Social Ecology
Richard Pattis, ICS
Arvind Rajaraman, Physical Sciences
Timothy Rupert, Engineering
Rahul Warrior, Biological Sciences
Douglas Winther, Humanities
Estela Zarate, Education

Ex-Officio Members (non-voting)

Kathleen Johnson, Chair, BUSHFA
Melanie Coco, Chair, Campuswide Honors Program Board
Lisa Roetzel, Associate Director, DUE Honors Center
Rudi Berkelhamer for Sharon Salinger, Associate Dean, DUE
Jennifer Aaron, Assistant Dean, DUE
Rameen Talesh for Thomas Parham, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Student Life & Leadership

Associated Graduate Students (AGS) Representatives (non-voting)

Nicole Pierski, Social Sciences
Nicole Shortt, Social Sciences

Associated Students of UCI (ASUCI)

Neil Bautista, Humanities
Annie Hu, Biological Sciences

Librarians Association (non-voting)

Lisa Mackinder, Electronic Resources Acquisitions Librarian

Consultants (non-voting)

De Gallow, Director, Teaching Learning and Technology Center
Said Shokair, Director, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program

Academic Integrity Workgroup

Sarah Eichhorn, Physical Sciences
Rachel Croskery-Roberts, CSE Member
David Pan, Humanities
Richard Pattis, CSE Member
Arvind Rajaraman, CSE Chair

Council Analyst

Charlene Mandau