

Tuesday, September 1, 2020, 9:00am, Zoom

Chair Lisa Tremain called the meeting to order at 9:08am on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, via Zoom Meeting ID: 99723322775; a quorum was present.

Members Present

Ramesh Adhikari, Jill Anderson, Taylor Bloedon, Matthew Derrick, Carl Hansen, Lucy Kerhoulas, Heather Madar, Steve Martin, Cindy Moyer, Mary Oling-Sisay, Clint Rebik, Cutcha Risling-Baldy, Maxwell Schnurer, Jenni Robinson, Lisa Tremain (Interim Chair), Mark Wicklund, Shawna Young, Rick Zechman

GEAR Chair: Jill Anderson

APC Chair: Maxwell Schnurer

Student Representative: Malluli Cuellar

Administrative Coordinator: Mary Watson

Curriculum Coordinator: Bella Gray

Updates and ICC Meetings Information

Ethnic Studies Legislation:

- Chair Tremain noted this body will be working on implementation of this requirement, but must first wait for Vice Provost Oling-Sisay and Provost Capps to attend two different meetings with the Chancellor's Office.
- Professor Risling-Baldy added that she, Professor Nancy Perez, and Professor Begay are going to meet to discuss where certain departments are, and Professor Perez has been in touch with CSU Ethnic Studies Council to see what the representation process and policies are for that body. She also noted the CSU Ethnic Studies Council suggested that each CSU should have their own ethnic studies council that interfaces with the larger Council.

ICC Bylaws

- Chair Tremain explained that this item is a carryover from last year, and that ideally it should be a quick process to review what changes were made last year and what needs to be changed now, before putting it through the Senate approval process.

Subcommittees Reports

It was noted there were no subcommittee meetings on which to report

Consent Calendar:

It was noted there were no items on the Consent Calendar for approval at this time.

Voting Action Calendar

It was noted there were no action items on the calendar for approval.

Approval of Minutes of the August 25, 2020 Meeting

The minutes were approved unanimously via general consent.

Grading Policy Fall 2020 (COVID-19 Response)

Chair Tremain explained the grading policies over which this body has purview include an extension of the Credit/No Credit (C/NC) option for classes that allow such distinctions, and extension of the deadline to add and drop classes. She asked Registrar Clint Rebik and Vice Provost Mary Oling-Sisay to elaborate.

Registrar Rebik explained that the deadline for students to decide whether they can take a class as C/NC rather than as a letter grade is usually eight weeks into the semester, but there's been a request to extend that to 15 weeks, or the week before finals, into the semester. He explained the emergency policy from last Spring was enacted much the same way, and cautioned that things like changing mandatory letter grades and suspending grading schema run afoul of Title 5 and EO 1037 issues are not under consideration. He noted the deadline changes are editable because they are University policies.

Vice Provost Oling-Sisay noted that the areas that Registrar Rebik mentioned may be changeable. She cited that other CSUs are pivoting from offering face to face instruction to online only, and Chico was the latest university to make such a change. She continued, noting it might be possible the Chancellor's Office will allow for flexibility later on this year, but cautioned that any changes must not break Title 5 rules, and that the ground seems to be shifting underneath us continuously.

Discussion ensued and is summarized below:

- Dean Hansen noted he has no objections, but noted that in his experience during the summer session, students seem to be using COVID as a catch-all excuse to write petitions to excuse every kind of bad behavior.
- Associate Dean Zechman asked on the other hand, whether there are any unintended consequences for students using C/NC for major courses. Vice Provost Oling-Sisay clarified that HSU is not considering using C/NC for major courses.
- Assistant Registrar Robinson asked why C/NC isn't being considered for major courses, especially since online instruction isn't for everyone.

- Chair Tremain echoed those questions; Registrar Rebik explained they are waiting for guidance from the Chancellor's Office.
- Associated Students Vice President for Legislative Affairs Malluli Cuellar echoed Assistant Registrar Robinson's comments, and spoke in favor of the deadline extensions based on both her own experience and on those of her fellow students.
- Professor Moyer spoke in favor of extending the C/NC deadline but cautioned that the music accrediting agencies have communicated concern about maintaining quality educational experienced for students, such that she feels unclear about the possibility of accepting C/NC options for major classes down the road.
- Professor Risling-Baldy stated she doesn't want students to feel the University is always expecting the worst of them, and is always looking for ways to get one over on them; she expressed that anything the University can do to err on the side of students is most important, and that all agree that a compassionate University is what is most needed, rather than a University that's questioning students' motivations.
- Vice Provost Oling-Sisay cautioned that messaging about the deadline extensions must be extremely clear, and state that HSU has reverted back to normal grading processes and the add/drop deadline as well as the deadline for students to declare their grade mode has been extended.
- Dean Hansen noted it would be important for the messaging to help students understand the consequences for any financial aid if they make schedule adjustments to add classes three weeks into the semester.

It was clarified that these options must be communicated to the Senate via a Resolution from the ICC, which includes a need for urgency, and that the Registrar's Office would handle the messaging once it is through the Senate.

Subcommittee Breakout Sessions: Academic Master Plan Subcommittee and Course and Degree Changes Subcommittee

The full committee moved into breakout sessions to conduct their business

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am

Next meetings:

→ **Tuesday, September 8:**

- ◆ **9:00am - 10:00am (Sub-committees/ AMP time certain with Provost Capps @ 9:00am)**

◆ **10:05 -- 11:00 Full ICC**

→ **Tuesday, September 15 (Sub-committee meetings)**

→ **Tuesday, September 22 (Full ICC)**