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COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING AND REVIEW

23-24 CAPR 6

23-24 CIC 4

November 16, 2023

TO: The Academic Senate

FROM: Committee on Academic Planning and Review (CAPR)

SUBJECT: 23-24 CAPR 6/CIC 4: Updates to the Online/Hybrid & Curricular Timeline Policy re: Program Modalities

PURPOSE: Approval by the Academic Senate

ACTION REQUESTED: That the Academic Senate approve the policy below, effective upon the signature of the President

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Article IV of [the current Online/Hybrid Policy](#) defines “fully online”, “fully online degree completion”, and “distance education” programs. The first two correspond to definitions used in the Cal State Apply system (for students applying to a California State University campus, including Cal State East Bay). The last corresponds to definitions used by our regional accrediting body, WSCUC (WASC Senior College and University Commission). (It is noteworthy that programs that are fully online or fully online degree completion programs are necessarily distance education, but not vice-versa.) However, nowhere in the policy is a reference to a “hybrid” program definition or how that would relate to WSCUC and/or Cal State Apply (hereafter “CSA”), much less definitions for “on-site” (WSCUC’s term) or “face-to-face” or “in-person” (more colloquial terms) programs.

CIC approved of substantially revising Article IV of the Online/Hybrid Policy to explicitly define the modalities for both WSCUC and CSA, and CAPR may approve changes in CSA program modality.

[Linked here are the recommended changes to Article IV of the Online/Hybrid Policy.](#)

[Linked here are the recommended changes to the Curricular Timeline Policy.](#)

Suggested changes are in red, with deletions also struck-out.

During CAPR's meeting on November 16, 2023, the committee passed the recommended changes for Article IV of the Online/Hybrid Policy and the Curricular Timeline Policy, with one amendment to language of Article IV of the Online/Hybrid Policy. The committee voted to add the following language: "CAPR will not approve a program for the hybrid designation unless the program includes at least one online course and one on-ground in the major." This added language is found in Article IV, Section A, a, iv.

During CIC's meeting on February 5th, 2024 this document was looked at and voted on unanimously.