

**Cross-listing    February 10, 2016 12:30-1:30pm ADM #109    Meeting with Faculty**

*In attendance*

Faculty - Terry Ellis, Michael Chang, Marc Coronado, Karen Chow, Roseanne Quinn, Cynthia Kaufman, Bob Stockwell, Mark Healy, Purba Hernandez, Ben Kline, Wendy Whites, Marisella Tapia, Jim Nguyen, Hila Maleksalehi, Nellie Vargas, Nicky González Yuen, Paul Setziol, Randy Bryant, Mayra Cruz

Students: Pedro Henriquez, Mary Rasooli, Michelle Bounkousonh, Thao Le, Alexander De La Herran, Justin Wang, ChoiHou Leong, Kaede Hamilton (VIDA's Public Policy School Students, 2016)

Mayra shared with the attendees that there was no evidence that the Academic Senate supported a blanket elimination of cross listing.

Faculty expressed their concern on how the issue has evolved, feel left out of the loop, wonder where this direction originated, and that the process was experienced as a directive for those who have meeting with our V.P. of Instruction. Faculty said they were told:

- Banner can't do it; administrative difficulty
- It's a Chancellor's office directive
- It's in Title 5

Faculty are questioning the , are we being asked or told to uncrossed courses?

Paul Setziol mentioned that the V.P. of Instruction was (at least three or four years ago) under the impression that there was no real academic reason for cross listing that was a reality, that situations beginning as collaboration had evolved to the point where one of two departments was connected in name only - no "cross pollination". She also said that outside reviewers of transcripts did not care which department housed particular course content.

The faculty present said this was not true and added the point of students choosing to sign up for a particular department listing to satisfy a requirement even if the other listing would also satisfy the requirement.

They said they were promised that the schedule of classes would direct students to what was the alternate listing of a course given unlisting (e.g. in the ICS portion of the schedule of classes there would be a note and a link to what was now a History only listing and that this did not happen).

The Officers were informed that in some History and ICS courses, there was a 50% reduction in enrollment since cross listing was dropped. Also, in currently cross listed courses, given the enrollment pattern, courses could go from healthy enrollments to marginal or worse enrollments.

Students articulated the value of a cross listed course and spoke about the importance of the transdisciplinary nature. Cross listed courses offered exposure to new perspectives. They want to build curriculum vitae of a lot of courses in their major concentration and this is aside from requirements. More academic points emerged. One interesting one was the diversification of student perspectives obtained when you put two groups of students together that have strong discipline identity with one discipline - e.g. political science majors who would be unlikely to sign up for an ICS course.

It was suggested that the data on cross listed courses be analyzed to determine impact.

Direction to the Senate Officers:

1. The faculty want not only for the uncross listing to stop, they want a restoration of previously cross listed courses.
2. Schedule a meeting with the V.P. of Instruction to discuss the issue and present the faculty direction to the Senate
3. Develop process and criteria to review a cross listed course

**Meeting with VP of Instruction February 11, 2016 Meeting Agenda**

1. Introduction & background
2. Faculty and Students Voices (sharing their perspective)
3. VP of Instruction addresses concerns and provides rationale for the direction
4. Next steps and direction to the Academic Senate

**Academic Senate Cross-Listing Meeting #2 February 11, 2016 3:30-6:00pm ADM #109  
Faculty/Students Meeting with V.P. of Instruction Christina Espinosa-Pieb**

*In attendance*

Faculty- Ben Kline, Bob Stockwell, Jila Maleksaheli, Wendy White, Marisella Huerta, Purba Fernandez, Alicia De Toro, Ram Subramanian, Marc Coronado, Roseanne Quinn, Cynthia Kaufman, Randy Bryant, Mayra Cruz

Students- Kaede Hamilton, Thao Le, Mary Rasoonli, Justin Wang, Pedro Enriquez (VIDA's Public Policy School Students, 2016), Bharpur Singh (La Voz)

Administrator- V.P. of Instruction Christina Espinosa-Pieb

Mayra shared that the cross listing issue stemmed from the FSA review in 11-12 V.P. of Instruction and Senator Setziol met with some departments . It has been reported that the direction to eliminate all cross listing courses came from the VP of Instruction office.

Ram shared that the curriculum committee did not have a position one way or the other on the cross listing issue. Ram stated that the course content in the curriculum was the same no matter if the course was cross listed or not.

Purpose of Meeting today: Listen to the faculty/students concerns, VP to address concerns and rationale for direction and inform of next steps and direction to the Academic Senate.

The students then added their thoughts. The students felt that cross listing allowed for a different mix of students that added unique points of view in class. They were afraid that un-cross listed classes would be canceled for low enrolment. They said that taking cross listed classes taught them how to deal with other cultures. The best classes they have taken were cross listed classes. They felt that cross listed classes allowed a fuller learning experience.

Faculty thoughts- Faculty stated that they were hired to teach inter-disciplinary courses. They felt that cross listed classes are important and in the best interest of the college. They feel that not cross listing would cause a loss of enrollment and offered a couple of examples where it has occurred. The point was brought up that curriculum was faculty purview, primary reliance. Cross listing is good for transfer and good for the mission of the college. Faculty are the course content experts and should decide if cross

listing is warranted or not. They want to stop uncross listing courses immediately. They want to re-cross list course that were already un-cross listed. They were concerned that the Senate didn't pay more attention to this issue. The faculty want to feel empowered to make changes.

Cristina's thoughts- Inter-disciplinary courses are supported by her and the college. The FSA issue started with the budget reductions we faced and FA bumping rights with possible workforce reduction. She stated that faculty owned the curriculum. That the administration of programs is administration's job. She wants what is best for students.

In general the students were thanked for helping with the discussion and their thoughts were valued. It was stated that we would stop un-cross listing courses immediately.

The following are next steps.

1. Cross listing will be discussed at the February 22nd Academic Senate meeting.
2. A request to cease the process immediately was made to Christina and the Curriculum Committee.
3. If needed, Christina will be invited to the 2/22 Senate meetings to address administrative concerns.

We will meet again to try to find ways to keep cross listed courses and reduce classified workload issues.