

San Francisco State University
University Interdisciplinary Council
Annual Report 2016-2017
Submitted to the Academic Senate Committee on Committees [May 9, 2017]

I. Executive Summary for the Academic Year:

- *Summarize the topics and themes that guided the Committee's work over the year.*
As the academic leader in developing and fostering interdisciplinary efforts for the benefit of the University as a whole, in AY 2016-2017 UIC mainly focused on the following topics and themes:
 1. Promoting interdisciplinary efforts across campus, particularly the Integrated Studies Option, and the Master of Arts/Science in Interdisciplinary Studies
 2. Serving as the collaborating, cooperating, communicating body for all existing interdisciplinary efforts across campus
 3. Publicizing and representing the University's interdisciplinary activities to the campus at large and to other interested parties

- *Report any significant changes (positive or negative) that have affected the Committee's work over the year.*

There were three significant changes that affected the direction of our work in the 2016-17 year. First, with an increasing interest in the Integrated Studies Option, it is needed to define and measure integrative learning. UIC took the charge from General Education and fulfill these needs. Second, UIC took on the advisory role to resuming the Master of Arts/Science in Interdisciplinary Studies to the Program and succeeded in evaluating and providing feedback to the Interdisciplinary MS program in IMES, the first proposal after its resumption. Third, with more faculty expressing frustration when initiating interdisciplinary programs on campus, UIC takes the initiative to conduct an environmental scanning study of the challenges and obstacles of interdisciplinary studies on campus. The study aims to propose viable administrative supports to interdisciplinary programs and develop best practices or a pathway of interdisciplinary studies across departments and disciplines on campus.

II. Committee Information and Review of Activities for the Academic Year:

A. Roster

Co-chairs:	Bo Ferns & Tony Sparks
College Representatives:	
Business	Bo Ferns (2016-2019)
Science and Engineering	Jean-Pierre Langlois (2016-2019)
Ethnic Studies	Valerie Soe (2015-2018)
Health and Social Services	Jerry Shapiro (2016-2019)
Liberal and Creative Arts	Lehua Yim (2014-2017)
Education	Patricia Donohue (2016-2019)
Chair of EPC (or designee)	Mike Hammer (Designee: Tony Sparks)
Provost (or designee)	Jennifer Summit (Designee: Kenneth Monteiro)
Undergraduate Studies	Lori Beth Way

B. Regular Meeting Schedule and Committee Meetings:

- *List the frequency, day, time and location of scheduled meetings;*
10:00am- 11:30am Friday, monthly meeting at ADM 552 Sodexo Room/Zoom Conferencing
- *List the dates and times the Committee met, and the members present.*
9/30/2016 10:00am-11:30am
Attendees: Present: Patricia Donohue, Bo Ferns, Tony Sparks, Jean-Pierre Langois, Catriona Rueda Esquibel, and Trevor Getz.
10/28/2016 10:00am-11:30am
Attendees: Patricia Donohue, Bo Ferns, Tony Sparks, Jean-Pierre Langois, & Lori Beth Way.
12/2/2016 10:00am-11:30am
Attendees: Patricia Donohue, Bo Ferns, Tony Sparks, Jean-Pierre Langois, Lori Beth Way, Mi-Sook Kim, Jerry Shapiro, Jonathon Stillman, & Karina J. Nielsen.
2/24/2017 10:00am-11:30am
Attendees: Bo Ferns, Valerie Soe, Jerry Shapiro, Patricia Donohue, Tony Sparks, Lori Beth, and Mi-Sook Kim.
3/10/ 2017 10:00am-11:30am
Attendees: Bo Ferns, Jean-Pierre Langlois, Jerry Shapiro, Patricia Donohue, Tony Sparks, Lori Beth, and Mi-Sook Kim.
4/21/ 2017 10:00am-11:30am
Attendees: Bo Ferns, Jean-Pierre Langlois, Jerry Shapiro, Patricia Donohue, Tony Sparks, and Mi-Sook Kim.

C. Action Items

- *List the Committee's significant Action Items, and their status (i.e. completed, in progress (be specific), tabled (for what reason?))*
 1. Define the concept of integrative learning for the Integrated Studies Option
Status: Completed
 2. Develop the rubric to measure integrative learning for the Integrated Studies Option
Status: Completed

Status: in progress (UIC serve as an advisory and consulting body to faculty who are interested in developing Integrated Studies Option courses. UIC will also weigh in

assessing integration in related course proposals and develop the Integrated Study Rubrics as the assessment tool and collect best practices of integration.)

3. Serve as the advisory body to The Master of Arts/Science in Interdisciplinary Studies.
Status: In progress (UIC continues to serve as the advisory body to the Program and contribute to evaluate the interdisciplinary nature of the proposal.)

4. Assess and provide feedback to the Interdisciplinary MS program in IMES proposal
Status: Completed (The Interdisciplinary MS program in IMES proposal was revised and signed by UIC on January 24th, 2017.)

5. Develop a pilot interdisciplinary program at the undergraduate level
Status: In progress (checking the logistics and the approval process with the Chancellor's Office)

6. Conduct an environmental scanning of the challenges and obstacles of interdisciplinary studies on campus
Status: In progress (This is a two-phase study. Phase one of the focus group study is undergoing. Phase two of an overall survey will be conducted in Fall 2017).

III. Committee Recommendations for the Upcoming Year:

A. Re: Committee Charge:

- *Include the text of the Committee's current charge* * (*committee charges can be located on the Senate website*
The University Interdisciplinary Council is charged with "...developing and fostering interdisciplinary efforts for the benefit of the University as a whole."
- *List any recommended changes to the Committee charge.*
N/A

B. Re: Committee Membership:

- *List any recommended changes to the Committee membership**.
One committee member has not attended any UIC meetings and events or responded to any emails from the co-chairs. It is recommended that the Academic Senate Office to contact his/her college to re-elect its representative.

C. To the Senate:

- *Provide recommendations to the Senate on specific policy that could support the Committee's work in the upcoming school year.*

* Committee charges and membership can be access by visiting <http://senate.sfsu.edu/content/committee-information-landing>, clicking on a committee link, and looking under the "What does [Committee] do?" heading.

The Committee has no recommendations to the Senate at this time.

D. To next year's Committee:

- *Provide information not covered in the Executive Summary or the Action Items about the topics, themes, and action items that the current Committee believes will be relevant in the upcoming Academic Year.*

Please see the action items in progress in II C.

IV. Endorsement by the Committee

- *State that the report has been endorsed by the Committee and its members.*
The report is endorsed unanimously by the Committee and its members via emails on May 5th, 2017.