April 13, 2023 PPBC Minutes

In attendance: Ying Bao (Chemistry), Qiang Hao (SMATE), Brian Hutchinson (Computer Science), Amr Radwan (Engineering), Sean Mulcahy (Geology), Amy Anderson (Math), Dietmar Schwarz (Biology), Janelle Leger (CSE, advisory), Jackie Caplan-Auerbach (CSE, advisory), Justin McGlone (AS, advisory), Miriam Gold (AS, advisory), Ken Rines (Physics)

1. Minutes from 03/02/23 meeting: Approved
2. Minutes from 03/30/23 meeting: Approved
3. The discussion on a process for providing input at the department and college level on the creation of new departments within the college was continued. The council decided to share the latest draft with the departments for input. Input will be discussed during the 4/27/23 council meeting
4. Review of Geology Department Policy on endowed positions and fund oversight. PPBC reviews for compliance: minor comments, PPBC concludes review and determines that the policy is compliant with the COPEP and CBA
5. Updated version of the course modality policy. Provost concern: unclear how a modality request could be rejected. Is ‘student access’ too easy a justification?  Must be ‘significant improvement’ to in-person modality - meeting this bar for academic year courses will be unusual. Current status: current version under review by Provost.  PPBC discussed current draft.  Jackie will make minor edits and wording changes, PPBC to vote 4/27