COMMITTEE: Educational Policies and Planning

1. Membership (include ex-officio members)
   Regular Members: Mark Bowler, Don Chaney (Chair), Kanchan Das, Michael Duffy (Secretary), Debra Jordan, Janice Neil, Ed Stellwag (Vice Chair), Bill Sugar
   Ex-Officio Members: George Bailey, Donna Kain, Ruth Little, Tom McConnell, Leslie Pagliari, Rita Reaves, Ricky Tharrington

2. Meeting Dates
   (include members present and those who contributed to committee action, but were not at the meeting)
3. **Subcommittees established during the year (include progress and/or completion of work).**

- Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, PhD in Pharmacology and Toxicology, Chaney and Stellwag. Review Committee members completed the review of the department’s revision of its initial response, last year, and reported to EPPC at the September meeting that its review went well with external reviewers.
- At the EPPC September meeting, Bowler volunteered to join the Biochemistry Program Review Committee. Ruth Little volunteered to participate in the Rehabilitation and Addiction Studies Program Review Committee.
- At the EPPC September meeting, Tom McConnell volunteered to join the Academic Advisory Team that will be exploring the acquisition and implications for use of Curriculog system software.
- Institute for Coastal Science and Policy, PhD Program in Coastal Resources Management and Institute for Coastal Science and Policy, Chaney and Stellwag. Review Committee members completed their review of the department’s revised response and reported to EPPC in October that the Institute for Coastal Science and Policy made the changes requested earlier.
- Department of Higher, Adult and Counselor Education, Doctoral Program in Higher Educational Leadership, Das, Stellwag. Review Committee members reported to EPPC in October that the department has responded to EPPC’s request for a revised response to its academic review with a specific timetable for actionable items under recommendation 2: refine and document a clear cohort and course delivery model.
- EPPC requested at its October meeting that the Unit Code Screening Committee appoint a subcommittee to draft guidelines for a Provisional Code to be included in the *ECU Faculty Manual*. George Bailey from EPPC served as a member. The subcommittee agreed to write a Provisional Code format. The section on the Provisional Code in the *ECU Faculty Manual* will be rewritten at a later time.
- Department of Political Science, Chaney. Review Committee member reported to EPPC in November that the department’s response to recommendations for improvements to the undergraduate and graduate programs has been positive.
- Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Chaney. Review Committee member reported to EPPC in December that the department’s revised response to the 2012 program review addressed all areas of concern.
- At the EPPC January meeting, Review Committee members were assigned to academic program reviews beginning in fall 2016. Donna Kain will review the Certificate Program in the School of Social Work. Debra Jordan will review the THCAS Interdisciplinary Programs. Tom McConnell will review the PhD program in Nursing.
- Department of Mathematics, Science and Instructional Technology Education (MSITE), Das and Stellwag. Review Committee members reported to EPPC in March that the revised response to the academic program review of 2013 was of good quality.
- Department of Economics, Stellwag. Review Committee member reported to EPPC in April that this was the first department to use the new review process. The review went very well and the department’s collective response can serve as a good model for this new approach in terms of its quality and receptiveness.
- Department of Criminal Justice, Chaney. Review Committee member reported to EPPC in April that the revised response to the 2014 academic program review provided a good timeline and faculty involvement for individual improvements addressing the concerns of the review.
4. **Accomplishments during the year, especially as addressed through committee goals.** Please include recommendations made to any University agency other than the Faculty Senate that will be noted under #5.

- Approved two new concentrations (Theatre Management, Community Engagement) in the BA in Theatre Arts. School of Theatre and Dance.
- Approved offering the MAEd in Mathematics Education via distance education (online) format. Department of Mathematics, Science, and Instructional Technology Education.
- Approved the revised response of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology to the academic program review for the PhD in Pharmacology and Toxicology.
- Approved the reorganization of the Department of Criminal Justice as a code unit within the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences. Approved the revised provisional code of the Department of Criminal Justice.
- Approved the discontinuation of the BA in Art History and Appreciation. School of Art and Design.
- Approved the discontinuation of the BS in School Health Education. Department of Health Education and Promotion.
- Approved the consolidation of the PhD in Anatomy and Cell Biology, PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, PhD in Microbiology and Immunology, PhD in Pharmacology and Toxicology, and PhD in Physiology into one degree: PhD in Biomedical Sciences. Brody School of Medicine.
- Approved title revision of existing certificate from Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) to Health Information Management (HIM). Department of Health Services and Information Management.
- Approved the addition of Applied Research Option within the MA in School Psychology. Department of Psychology.
- Approved offering the Master of Public Administration via distance education (online) format through the Gateway Center in Rocky Mount, NC. Department of Political Science.
- Approved the response of the Department of Political Science to its academic program review.
- Approved the consolidation of the MAED programs in ENED and HIED into one degree: MAED in Curriculum and Instruction - with two concentrations ENED and HIED; discontinuation of the MAED in ENED; and the discontinuation of the MAED in HIED. Department of Literacy Studies, English Education and History Education.
- Approved the establishment of the Miller School of Entrepreneurship. College of Business.
- Approved the movement of Sustainable Tourism from The Graduate School to the College of Business, School of Hospitality Leadership; Movement of Degree: MS in Sustainable Tourism.
- Approved the authorization to plan a new degree program: Joint (ECU/UNCW) PhD program in Integrative Coastal Marine Science (ICMS).
- Approved the revision of the existing degree, Industrial and Organizational concentration of the MA in General-Theoretic Psychology (change requirement); new graduate certificate in Quantitative Methods for the Social and Behavioral Sciences. Department of Psychology.
- Approved the revision of the PhD in Bioenergetics and Proposal of New concentrations: Biomechanics and Motor Control, Cellular and Molecular Bioenergetics, Nutritional Exercise Physiology, Exercise Physiology and Behavioral Science. Department of Kinesiology.
- Approved a new concentration within the BA in Foreign Languages and Literatures: Global Studies. Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.
- Approved the response of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies to its academic program review.
- Approved the discontinuation of the existing certification, Driver and Safety Education Add On.
Certification. Department of Health Education and Promotion

- Approved the Discontinuation of the Alternate Entry (AE) MSN Option; Discontinuation of the RN/MSN Option; Discontinuation of Existing Concentrations within the MSN: Family Nurse Practitioner, Adult- Gerontology Nurse Practitioner; Discontinuation of Existing Certificates: Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner, Family Nurse Practitioner. College of Nursing
- Approved the authorization to plan a new degree program: MA in Hispanic Studies, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures
- Approved the authorization to establish a new distance education degree program, PhD in Nursing. College of Nursing
- Approved a revision of degree title, BS in Merchandising to BS in Fashion Merchandising and Consumer Studies. Department of Interior Design and Merchandising
- Approved the provisional code for Laupus Library
- Reviewed IPAR’s revised PRR for Centers and Institutes that aligns with new changes in the UNC Policy Manual
- Approved request to establish a new distance education Master of School Administration (MSA). Department of Educational Leadership
- Approved a new graduate certificate for Behavior Specialist. Department of Special Education, Foundations and Research
- Approved a new concentration for Master of Arts in Education Special Education (MAEd SPED), Intellectual Disabilities concentration. Department of Special Education, Foundations and Research
- Approved the discontinuation of the graduate certificate for Community Health Administration. Department of Health Services and Information Management
- Approved the consolidation of existing degrees of BFA in Dance Performance and BFA in Dance Education. Discontinuation of existing degrees for BFA in Dance Performance and BFA in Dance Education. Proposal of new concentrations in Performance and Choreography, and Dance Education. Department of Dance Performance and Dance Education
- Approved the discontinuation of existing concentration for M.A.T., Health Education. Department of Health Education and Promotion
- Approved a degree title change from Master of Science in Technology Systems to Master of Science in Technology Management. Discontinuation of existing graduate concentrations. Department of Technology Systems
- Approved a new Concentration (MS in Geography): Professional Science Master’s in Geographic Information Science. Department of Geography, Planning and Environment Representative
- Approved a new graduate certificate in Student Affairs in Higher Education. Department of Interdisciplinary Programs, Adult Education
- Approved the revised response of the Department of Mathematics, Science and Instructional Technology Education (MSITE) for its academic program review. Department of Mathematics, Science and Instructional Technology Education (MSITE)
- Approved new concentration in Caribbean, Latin America and the Diaspora within the BA in African and African American Studies. African American Studies Program
- Approved revision of an existing degree title from M.S. in Substance Abuse and Clinical Counseling Program to M.S. in Clinical Counseling Program. Department of Addictions and Rehabilitation Studies
- Approved revision of an existing degree title from MS in Child Development and Family Relations to MS in Human Development and Family Science. Department of Human Development and Family Science
• Approved new Post-Doctoral certificates in Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP) and Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP). College of Nursing
• Approved new doctoral degree in Public Health, DrPH. Department of Public Health
• Approved revised response of the Department of Economics to its academic program review
• Approved revised response of the Department of Criminal Justice to its academic program review
• Recommendation to the Faculty Senate for revised selection process of BS degree in Undergraduate Studies Faculty Oversight Committee (FOC), for new members that included the participation of the Chair of the Faculty and the Committee on Committees

5. **Reports to the Faculty Senate (include dates and resolution numbers).**
   • October 6, 2015 – Faculty Senate Resolution #15-83
   • November 3, 2015 – Faculty Senate Resolution #15-93
   • December 1, 2015 – Faculty Senate Resolutions #15-99, 15-100
   • January 26, 2016 – Faculty Senate Resolutions #16-04, 16-05
   • February 23, 2016 – Faculty Senate Resolutions #16-11, 16-12, 16-13
   • March 15, 2016 – Faculty Senate Resolution #16-20
   • April 19, 2016 – Faculty Senate Resolution #16-37

6. **Business carried over to next year (list in priority order).**
   • Meet with the Director of Undergraduate Studies to discuss the success of new guidelines for the election of FOC members.
   • Update on new Provisional Code guidelines
   • Follow up on committee responsibilities and early success of new guidelines for Academic Program Review

7. **Evaluation of the committee (include anything that hindered or assisted the committee’s work during the year).**
   A. Charge: Sufficient
   B. Personnel: Committee members performed their duties in an exemplary manner throughout the year
   C. Attendance: There was a generally high level of attendance in the school year and committee members remained engaged during long meetings on complex and often detailed matters
   D. Responsibilities: The participation of the committee in academic program reviews has contributed to an increased workload for members
   E. Activities: The committee acted on all requests and issues brought before it in the academic year

8. **Suggestion(s) to the Chair of the Faculty and/or Faculty Senate for improving the effectiveness of the committee.**
   The Chair of the Faculty and the Office of Program Planning and Development should continue to work with the EPPC on guidelines for handling program and policy requests

9. **Does the Committee’s organizational meeting next year need to be earlier than the date set this year?**
   No

Signed: Chairperson Don Chaney
Secretary Michael Duffy