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**COMMITTEE:** Educational Policies and Planning Committee

**MEETING DATE:** 9 October 2015

**PERSON PRESIDING:** Chaney

**REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Chaney, Das, Duffy, Stellwag, Sugar

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Bailey, Kain, Little, Pagliari, McConnell, Reaves

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Downs, Lee, Sprague, Rouse

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**Call to Order:** 1:02 p.m.

### **ACTIONS OF MEETING**

Agenda Item 1: Review of September 11, 2015 Minutes, as corrected

Discussion: None

Action Taken: Approved

Assigned additional duties to: N/A

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Agenda Item 2: Discussion of integration of the Bachelor of Science in University Studies into an academic unit. Unit: Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences  
Representative: William Downs

Discussion: Dean Downs pointed out that the BS in University Studies is successful and working effectively. The statistics bear this out, since there are 92 alumni and 356 current, active majors. In a recent survey, 85% of the students in the program said they would have left ECU and college if not for University Studies. University Studies students take their remaining classes from every ECU college (excepting dental and medical schools) with the top four being Health and Human Performance, Arts and Sciences, Business, and Education. Although we have a small sample size, 53% of University Studies students reported getting jobs related to their thematic core (concentration), which compares to a national rate of approximately 17%. Dean Downs would welcome the BSUS in the Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, if it is relocated at some point in time. The College Chairs Committee and Associate Deans are able to provide support for individual University Studies student programs. The Provost has not reached a decision on possible relocation of the BSUS.

The EPP Committee discussion reaffirmed that the BSUS degree programs have been successful at bringing in students who were not able to continue in their previous majors. The Faculty Oversight Committee (FOC) is successful at advising students in their thematic concentrations, and there is a high rate of success among University Studies majors. Like Multidisciplinary Studies, University Studies provides an important degree program option for students in the University.

Action Taken: None

Assigned additional duties to: Invite Dr. Rondell Rice to a future meeting of the EPPC to discuss his perspective on the BS in University Studies.

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Agenda Item 3: Request to approve consolidation of the three programs in Physics (BS in Physics, BS in Applied Physics, BA in Physics); the discontinuation of the BS in Applied Physics and the BA in Physics; and the offering of three concentrations under the BS in Physics (Research, Professional, and Practical). Unit: Department of Physics  
Representative: Mark Sprague

Discussion: Professor Sprague explained that the Department of Physics is consolidating its three degree programs, the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Physics, the Bachelor of Science in Applied Physics (BSAP), and the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Physics, into three concentrations within the BS in Physics, as mandated by the UNCGA due to low program productivity. This program consolidation will result in the discontinuation of the BSAP degree and the BA degree and the creation of three new concentrations within the BS degree. The current BS in Physics will become the Research Concentration; the BSAP will become the Professional Concentration; and the BA will become the Practical Concentration. Sprague pointed out that all physics programs are low productivity, but that physics is a core discipline within Arts and Sciences. He noted that we may be the first Department to consolidate in this way with three separate concentrations within the bachelor of science. This reorganization is a positive move and can help to promote education and research.

Action Taken: Motion approved

Assigned additional duties to: N/A

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Agenda Item 4: Revision of request to approve offering the MAEd in Mathematics Education via distance education (online) format. Unit: Department of Mathematics, Science, and Instructional Technology Education  
Representative: Ron Preston

Discussion: The Department of Mathematics made the requested changes in their revised language to part 4 of Appendix G, Request for Authorization to Establish, clarifying which classes in the Math Department would have to be taken face-to-face for students enrolled in the MAEd Mathematics Education online degrees.

Action Taken: **Note:** The revised language requested by EPPC on September 11 was made immediately by the Mathematics Department and included in the EPPC report to the Faculty Senate on October 6. It was approved in Faculty Senate Resolution #15-83.

Assigned additional duties to: N/A

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Agenda Item 5: Program Review revision response for the PhD in Coastal Resources Management and Institute for Coastal Science and Policy. Unit: Institute for Coastal Science and Policy

Representative: Sid Mitra/David Griffith. EPPC Primary Reviewers: Chaney and Stellwag

Discussion: The Institute for Coastal Science and Policy (ICSP) has made the requested change as stipulated in their faculty response to the Unit Academic Review. This response is included in their memorandum of October 2, 2015 to Academic Affairs.

Action Taken: Motion to approve the program revision response was passed.

Assigned additional duties to: N/A

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Agenda Item 6: Program Review revision response for the Doctoral Program in Higher Education Leadership. Unit: Department of Higher, Adult and Counselor Education  
Representative: Art Rouse/Jim McDowell. EPPC Primary Reviewers: Das and Stellwag

Discussion: The Department of Educational Leadership has addressed EPPC's request for a revised response to include a specific timetable for actionable items under recommendation 2: refine and document a clear cohort and course delivery model---- a) cohort locales and composition; b) course rotation; and c) efficient course delivery. The faculty response is included in the October 1, 2015 memorandum to the Educational Policies and Planning Committee.

Action Taken: Motion to approve the program revision response was passed.

Assigned additional duties to: N/A

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcement 1: Update on the response of ECU to ACE's request that the University consider accepting courses from an expanded list of institutions including non-accredited groups. George Bailey

Austin Bunch requested information from North Carolina General Administration on its position with regard to the ACE initiative and the response of universities in the North

Carolina System. Professor Bailey reported that North Carolina universities are discontinuing their participation with ACE on this initiative. East Carolina University has similarly discontinued its participation and has refunded money that ACE gave to ECU to participate in the program.

Announcement 2: The Educational Policies and Planning Committee will contact the Unit Code Screening Committee in order to appoint a subcommittee to draft a Provisional Code to be included in the *ECU Faculty Manual*. There are twelve bulleted points that will be considered. Professor Bailey will represent our committee.

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**NEXT MEETING:**

November 13, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. 142 Rawl Annex.

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

- a. Request for Authorization to Consolidate Ph.D. Degrees from the Basic Science Departments at the Brody School of Medicine into Biomedical Sciences with five concentrations
- b. Request approval of a Provisional Code for the Department of Criminal Justice to reorganize as a code unit within the Thomas Harriot College of Art and Sciences
- c. Movement of Sustainable Tourism from the Graduate School to the College of Business, School of Hospitality Leadership. MS Degree and SUTO Courses affected.
- d. Request approval of revision of MS Degree Program in Health Informatics and Information Management and Graduate Certificate Program in Registered Health Information Administrator within the Department of Health Services and Information Management
- e. Request approval of four new concentrations within the Bioenergetics and Exercise Science doctoral program in Kinesiology within the Department of Kinesiology
- f. Request approval of offering Master in Public Administration (MPA) program in an online (hybrid) distance education format within the Department of Political Science
- g. Request approval of revisions to requirements in the MA and CAS Degrees in School Psychology within the Department of Psychology

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.