

COMMITTEE: Educational Policies and Planning

MEETING DATE: Friday, November 9, 2018 (142 Rawl Annex)

PERSON PRESIDING: Mark Bowler

ATTENDANCE

Regular members: Mark Bowler, Don Chaney, John Collins, Bryna Coonin, Donna Kain
Ex-officio Members (with vote): George Bailey, Cynthia Bellacero, Tom McConnell

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Call to order: 1:00 pm

Agenda Item #1: Approval of October 12, 2018 EPPC meeting minutes

Action Taken: MINUTES APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS:

Agenda Item #2: Request for reduction in program hours: BFA in Art Education
Unit: School of Art and Design
Representative: Daniel Kariko (karikod@ecu.edu), Cynthia Bickley-Green in place of Kariko

Discussion: Bickley-Greene provided some history for the request, placing it in the broader context of the College of Education. Bowler asked what the change would mean from the student perspective. Bickley indicated that students will not go into as much depth in studio art but that the necessary breadth is provided for teachers. Program still follows accrediting agencies' requirements.

Action Taken: APPROVED

Agenda Item #3: Request for reduction in program hours: BA in English
Unit: Department of English
Representative: Lida Cope (copel@ecu.edu)

Discussion: The revision in program hours was deemed consistent with the ECU-wide "Finish in Four initiative." No additional discussion followed.

Action Taken: APPROVED

Agenda Item #4: Request for reduction in program hours: BS in Health Fitness Specialist
Unit: Department of Kinesiology
Representative: Rhonda Kenny (kennyr@ecu.edu)

Discussion: Based on program assessment faculty determined that removal of COMM 2020 or COMM 2410 as a required course for the HFS would allow students more flexibility when selecting HUM/FA courses and still allow them to remain on track for a four-year graduation. Course impacts were listed in Curriculog but it was not possible in writing in Curriculog for the EPPC committee to see whether the notifications were sent to affected departments and responded to. Kenny provided adequate assurance.

Action Taken: APPROVED

Agenda Item #5: Request to deliver online/hybrid: Master of Social Work
Unit: School of Social Work
Representative: Blace Nalavany (NALAVANYB@ecu.edu) for Paige Averett

Discussion: Nalavany indicated that the department currently offers courses in other locations and on Saturday – aimed at working professionals. The request is a natural outgrowth of this. They will continue to do some face-to-face instruction as well, for courses that require this to be effective (those that are more clinical in nature, for example).

Action Taken: APPROVED

Agenda Item #6: Academic Program Review response for the Department of Nutrition Science
Unit: Department of Nutrition Science
Department Representative: Michael Wheeler
EPPC Representative: Mark Bowler

Discussion: Bowler indicated that this response was very well done. Wheeler was appreciative of the support received during this process. A question followed concerning whether more resources might have been requested. Wheeler explained that the department was going through a period of change and that it was not immediately clear what resources might be needed as the vision for the program evolves.

Action Taken: APPROVED

Agenda Item #7: Academic Program Review response for the Department of Mathematics
Unit: Department of Mathematics
Department Representative: Johannes Hattingh
EPPC Representative: Donna Kain

Discussion: Committee found the response to be coherent. Kain indicated that some aspects of the review genuinely could not be addressed at this time. Hattingh echoed Kain's findings.

Action Taken: APPROVED

Agenda Item #8: Draft Proposal ECU Credit Contact Hours Guidelines
Unit: Jeff Popke, Chair of the Faculty (Bellacero in place of Popke)

Discussion: Bellacero indicated that the committee would have benefit from clearer guidelines. The committee benchmarked fifteen institutions in the UNC system and also nationally. Input from areas across campus, UCC, Grad Council, Admissions and Retention were consulted for feedback. Cheney asked about requirements for internships and inconsistencies in how hour credit hours for internships are figured and reported. How “hour” is defined engendered lively discussion. Bellacero indicated that Study Abroad has created a worksheet that might be a good model for how to evaluate how much credit will be received. Work is being done that will go before UCC and UGC to clarify. How SACS would be affected was discussed – information from UCC or GCC minutes would satisfy their needs on this. Bowler reported that he shared information about the process with his fellow faculty, who indicated that licensure must come first and trumps whatever appears in the document. A suggestion was made to add a statement to obviate problems that might arise around this where hours are concerned (student teaching for example).

Action Taken: DISCUSSION ONLY

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

Current APR Representatives/Status Updates

Kinesiology – Don Chaney

Biology – Bowler provided an update

Computer Science – John Collins

Construction Management – Paige Averett (not present, no report at this time)

Foreign Languages – Donna Kain reported that they had their external review last week

Anthropology – Tom McConnell -- they have had a meeting

Communication – Michael Duffy (not present, no report at this time)

Math – Donna Kain (see Agenda Item #7 above)

Recreation & Leisure Studies – Christy Walcott (not present, no report at this time)

BSOM -- Tom McConnell commented “While the BSOM program review portion for the MS in Biomedical Sciences was previously completed, the completion of the program review for the BSOM Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program in Biological Sciences (IDPBS) has been postponed, due to a change in program directors and needed clarification about the strategic direction of the program.”

NEXT MEETING: Friday, December 7, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in 142 Rawl Annex.

NOTE: This is a change – meeting originally scheduled for December 14.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryna Coonin,

Secretary