COMMITTEE: Educational Policies and Planning

MEETING DATE: Friday, April 12, 2019 (142 Rawl Annex)

PERSON PRESIDING: Mark Bowler

ATTENDANCE:

Regular members: Mark Bowler (Chair), Paige Averett, Don Chaney, John Collins, Bryna Coonin, Donna Kain

Ex-officio Members (with vote): Cynthia Bellacero, Ruth Little, Tom McConnell, Leslie Pagliari

Also in attendance: Rachel Baker

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ACTIONS OF MEETING

Call to order: 1:05 pm

NOTE: Bowler received additional requests too late to include on today’s agenda. The committee elected to handle these by email to ensure that Faculty Senate would have time to act on them so the results could be included in the Fall catalog, as appropriate.

Agenda Item #1: Approval of March 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Action Taken: APPROVED

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(New Business)

Agenda Item #2: New program: Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Economics/Master of Science in Quantitative Economics and Econometrics
Unit: Department of Economics
Representative: Howard (howardgr@ecu.edu)

DISCUSSION: Dr. Howard provided context. This allows undergraduate students to take graduate credits, which will help attract and retain the best students. Getting through the program faster might potentially reduce student debt. Bowler – how do other schools deal with the financial aid aspect of this? It can be complicated, as students must take 12 hours to maintain financial aid. Howard indicated that the department is aware of the issue and is working on this concern. McConnell noted that students should be carefully advised as they move through this arrangement.

ACTION: APPROVED
Agenda Item #3: Program revision/new academic home: MAEd in Reading and Literacy Education
Unit: College of Education
Representative: Swaggerty (swaggertye@ecu.edu)

DISCUSSION: Dr. Swaggerty provided context. They have had a slow decline in enrollment. This has been on their radar and there are also some updated professional standards to align with. This provided a welcome opportunity to work on “a complete re-do” of the program to revamp, clean up the catalog. Bowler: Question about catalog entry – no details are provided. Was that intentional? Yes.

ACTION: APPROVED

Agenda Item #4: New graduate certificate: Integrated Behavioral Health with Rural Youth
Unit: College of Education
Representative: Crowe (crowea@ecu.edu)

DISCUSSION: Paige Averett in for Dr. Crowe. Different sub-units have (on their own) small numbers of students so it made sense to combine. Some discussion of electives followed. Who are the students who will do this certificate? Masters in Counseling, Social Work, etc. There is meaningful interest in a combined certificate that gives students an interdisciplinary perspective.

ACTION: APPROVED (9 Yes, 1 abstention)

Agenda Item #5: New degree designation/program revision: MA to MS in Construction Management
Unit: Department of Construction Management
Representative: Ahmed (ahmeds@ecu.edu)

DISCUSSION: Started the MA in CM (MCM) in 2006 with few students. Enrollment has increased substantially. Most students are online. Department wishes to increase visibility and enrollment. International students are familiar with designation MS but not the “MCM”. Some curriculum changes were also needed. When students take the masters they do not have the PhD option here at ECU and may need to show aptitude for research to continue elsewhere. The thesis option will help students in this way and also help attract grant money. Instead of 30 credits with capstone, department will also offer a research option. Question: program is online. Do we think that the students online can effectively participate in research. Three or four are physically here on campus, and these students could participate. If you change a program type is it just a name change? Bellacero – MA is broader, MS is more focused. Dr. Ahmed indicated that they got approval of new courses that help with this new focus. It is not just a name change.

ACTION: APPROVED
Agenda Item #6:  Academic Program Review response for the Department of Construction Management  
Unit: Department of Construction Management  
Department Representative: Ahmed (ahmds@ecu.edu)  
EPPC Representative: Paige Averett

DISCUSSION:  The response was succinct. Averett reported that this process went well. External reviewers did an excellent job. They were complimentary and pointed out some good opportunities to be explored. The department responded well.

ACTION:  APPROVED  Response moves on to Academic Council

Agenda Item #7:  Graduate certificate revision: Lean Six-Sigma Black-Belt (LSSBB)  
Unit: Department of Technology Systems  
Representative: Das (dask@ecu.edu)

DISCUSSION:  Paglieri in for Das. This one had a hidden pre-requisite not caught in the revision. This is a fix to correct an oversight.

ACTION:  APPROVED

Program revision: BS in Information and Computer Technology was ROUTED INCORRECTLY was not supposed to be on the agenda -- ignore  
Unit: Department of Technology Systems  
Representative: Lunsford (lunsfordp@ecu.edu)  
Files available at: https://ecu.curriculog.com/proposal:3931/form

Agenda Item #8: Criminal Law and Legal Process Unit: Department of Criminal Justice  
Representative: Bonner (bonnerhe@ecu.edu)

DISCUSSION:  Focuses on students going to law school for criminal law and procedure. Gauged student interest -- it was high. Discussion ensued -- whether this would serve better as a concentration. Bonner stated that the department could not easily slice their disciplines -- concentrations would not work. They have a minor, but no concentrations. A spirited discussion followed.

ACTION:  5 no / 2 yes / 3 abstentions  NOT APPROVED
**Agenda Item #9:** Program revision/reduction in hours: BS in Elementary Education (K-6)  
Unit: Department of Elementary and Middle Grades Education  
Representative: Greene (greeneh@ecu.edu)

**DISCUSSION:** Program revision reduction to 120 credit hours to comply with requirements of the UNC system. Some courses were removed because they could be incorporated elsewhere in the program.

**ACTION:** APPROVED

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**Agenda Item #10:** Program revision/reduction in hours: BS in Engineering  
Unit: Department of Engineering  
Representative: Howard (howardw@ecu.edu)

**DISCUSSION:** Paglieri in for Howard. Requested an exception to the reduction to 120 credit hours. Bellacero confirmed that the exception had been allowed. Program reduced from 128 to 125 hours.

**ACTION:** APPROVED

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**Agenda Item #11:** Graduate certificate title change: Sustainable Tourism and Hospitality Certificate to Sustainable Tourism Certificate  
Unit: School of Hospitality Leadership  
Representative: Russell (russellp@ecu.edu)

**DISCUSSION:** O’Holloran in for Russell. Unit offers two certificates – no curricular change. Changing name only.

**ACTION:** APPROVED

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**Agenda Item #12:** Program revision/reduction in hours: MA in International Studies  
Unit: International Studies  
Representative: Smith (smithdav@ecu.edu)

**DISCUSSION:** Several program revision changes proposed. Responses sought and received from affected departments.

**ACTION:** APPROVED
**Agenda Item #13:** Certificate discontinuation: International Teaching  
Unit: International Studies  
Representative: Smith (smithdav@ecu.edu)

DISCUSSION: No students in it and have not had students for some time. Students benefit more from acquiring the TESOL certificate.

ACTION: APPROVED

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**Agenda Item #14:** Program revision/reduction in hours: BS in Science Education  
Unit: Department of Mathematics, Science and Instructional Technology Education  
Representative: Glass (glassb@ecu.edu)

DISCUSSION: Program revision reduction to 120 credit hours to comply with requirements of the UNC system. Changed some course requirements and reduced the core. Made some alterations to the internship.

ACTION: APPROVED

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**Agenda Item #15:** Graduate certificate revision: Family Nurse Practitioner  
Unit: College of Nursing  
Representative: Corbett (corbettr@ecu.edu)

DISCUSSION: Corbett not present.

ACTION: Discussion tabled until Fall 2019

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**Agenda Item #16:** Program revision/new concentration (neuroscience): MS in Biomedical Sciences  
Unit: Office of Research and Graduate Studies  
Representative: Franklin (franklinr@ecu.edu)

DISCUSSION: Neuroscience undergrad program has expanded. Students have asked about research opportunities so added 10 hours of neuroscience within the MS in Biomedical Sciences.

ACTION: APPROVED
**Agenda Item #17:** Doctoral program revision: PhD in Health Psychology  
Unit: Department of Psychology  
Representative: Bowler (bowlerm@ecu.edu) for Walcott (walcottc@ecu.edu)

**DISCUSSION:** "Housecleaning" -- simplifying catalog. No major changes.

**ACTION:** APPROVED (9 yes, 1 abstention)

**Agenda Item #18:** Certificate discontinuation: Community Health Center Administration  
Unit: Department of Public Health  
Representative: Bell (bellr16@ecu.edu)

**DISCUSSION:** Interest has declined -- only one student in the certificate program.

**ACTION:** APPROVED (9 yes, 1 abstention)

**Agenda Item #19:** Doctoral program revision: DrPH in Public Health  
Unit: Department of Public Health  
Representative: Bell (bellr16@ecu.edu)

**DISCUSSION:** Did not have a research ethics course in the program. This was an oversight. Students already in the program so some credit requirement reduction was done to make room for this.

**ACTION:** APPROVED (9 yes, 1 abstention)

**Agenda Item #20:** Certificate discontinuation: Aquatic Therapy  
Unit: Department of Recreation Science  
Representative: Jordan (jordand@ecu.edu)

**DISCUSSION:** Cliff Watts in for Deb Jordan.

This was in the program review. Had no champions in the department and low enrollment.

**ACTION:** APPROVED
Agenda Item #21: Program revision/reduction in hours: BS in Physical Education
Unit: Department of Kinesiology
Representative: Pizzutilla (pizzutillaj@ecu.edu)

DISCUSSION: Reduction of credits due to the 120 requirement by the UNC System. Looked at three courses that could be eliminated. Kept licensure in mind. There was concern that students struggle making assessment based decisions so why remove the assessment course? But embedding it elsewhere allows "hands on" and contextualization.

ACTION: APPROVED

Announcements/Updates

Current APR Representatives/Status Updates
i. Geology – Donna Kain – picked external reviewers
ii. Geography – Tom McConnell
iii. Technology Systems – Mark Bowler/Bryna Coonin
iv. Kinesiology – Don Chaney external reviews came, visit went well
v. Biology – Mark Bowler – went well
vi. Computer Science – John Collins -- external reviewers came, visit went well
vii. Others? – none at this time

Other announcements – none at this time

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

This is the final meeting of the 2018-2019 academic year. Three items were received after the agenda was set and were subsequently dealt with by the EPPC via email:

1) The Dept. of Advanced Nursing Practice and Education is requesting revisions to its Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate -- APPROVED
2) The Dept. of Kinesiology is requesting to deliver the MS in Kinesiology online ---- APPROVED
3) The Dept. of Computer Science is requesting to establish an Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Computer Science/Master of Science in Data Science, an Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Computer Science/Master of Science in Computer Science, and an Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Computer Science/Master of Science in Software Engineering - APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Bryna Coonin
Secretary
4/25/2019