

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

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

(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 (swaggerty@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 (ahmeds@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

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

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

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

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

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

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 cataog. 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