COMMITTEE: Educational Policies and Planning Committee

MEETING DATE: 14 February 2014

PERSON PRESIDING: Stellwag

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Abdulali, Kenney, Smith, Stellwag, Sugar, Thomas

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Reaves, Sprague

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Nelson Cooper, Lori Lee, Lloyd Novick, Greg Kearney, Gary Vanderpool, Ari Mwachofi, Katherine Swank, Karen Summey, Robert Thompson

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ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: December meeting minutes approved as distributed.

Agenda Item: Old Business: October meeting minutes were discussed, but no changes were suggested.

Agenda Item: Request to Approve Authorization to Plan a Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) Degree Program in the Department of Public Health, Brody School of Medicine

Discussion: Dr. Kearney provided an overview of the proposal, described how the DrPH differs from the PhD in its target audience and focus, and mentioned the need and demand for the program, focusing in part on the Environmental & Occupational Health concentration. Dr. Mwachofi provided further details on the need for the program, target students, and the demand, focusing in part on the public administrative concentration. Questions included the potential role of this program if the university were to develop a School of Public Health, faculty hires needed, recruiting students, and calculations for projected revenue.

Action Taken: Motion passed to approve the request.

Agenda Item: Request to Develop Minor in Interior Design in the Department of Interior Design and Merchandising.

Discussion: Dr. Katherine Swank described the coursework for the minor and the program’s use of a portfolio review, which is used as a gateway to the professional level of the program. She also described the related majors to which these minor students could go. Questions included potential number of students for this program, correspondence with related programs, and capacity of the department to absorb this program.

Action Taken: Motion passed.
Agenda Item: Request to Establish Graduate Certificate in Public Management in the Master of Public Administration Program, Department of Political Science.

Discussion: Bob Thompson described how the request for this certificate grew out of the program’s external advisory council. It was originally intended to be a small program, but interest from others suggest potential for growth. Suggestion to change the title to the "Graduate Certificate in Public Management and Leadership" in recognition of the value placed on leadership skills, interest in drawing potential students’ attention to the program, and reflection of the content of the program.

Action Taken: Motion passed.

Agenda Item: Bachelor of Science in University Studies (BSUS) Standards Planning

Discussion: Nelson Cooper, Interim Director of BSUS, provided a report to the Committee touching on the 5 items in Faculty Senate Resolution #13-55, "Resolution on the Proposed Bachelor of Science University Studies Degree Programs." This report, which has also been shared with the Deans, provides a program update and lists current initiatives, including a draft definition of the Faculty Oversight Committee’s makeup and responsibilities. Questions included what students go into the program, how they interact with the Workforce Advisory Committee, and when the first cohort might graduate. In BSUS 2000, students create a curriculum proposal and establish an e-portfolio. The capstone course has three options, all of which must show 200 hours: internship with an agency, or engagement project supervised by a faculty member, or senior thesis. Additional questions included the following: how to encourage faculty to be involved in teaching, serving as a mentor for an engagement project or as a thesis director; funding the program; and on documenting assessment of the program.

Action Taken: EPPC considered this report and wants additional time and information to consider the charge. EPPC will be called to an emergency meeting to reconsider this topic. Motion passed to form a subcommittee (David Smith, Mark Sprague, Ed Stellwag, and Nelson Cooper) to make a proposal related to Resolution #13-55.

Assigned additional duties to: Subcommittee members


Discussion: Karen Summey provided a summary of changes, and Rita Reeves pointed out that the Transmittal Letter caches up UNC Policy Manual with changes suggested in 2012. Selected items include the addition of the "top three priorities list," the addition of flowcharts depicting the UNC-GA process for planning and establishment of new programs, and the expectation to contact other UNC institutions awarding a proposed degree to explore collaboration possibilities.

Action Taken: None

Announcements: None

MEETING ADJOURNED: 3:45
NEXT MEETING: Will be called
ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: Resolution #13-55