COMMITTEE MINUTES: Educational Policies and Planning Committee

MEETING DATE: March 8, 2013

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kanchan Das, Deedee Glascoff, John Kenney, David Smith, Ed Stellwag, Joseph Thomas

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Linner Griffin, Thomas McConnell, Mark Sprague, Jeff Popke

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anthony Overton, Leigh Patterson, George Bailey

Other members present: Jerry Weitz Geography: Paul Gares, Geography, Linda Kean, School of Communication, Todd Fraley, School of Communication, Chris Ullfers, School of Music

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Approval of February minutes.
Action Taken: minutes were approved as presented.

Agenda Item: Consider discontinuing the Certificate in Urban Design, Department of Geography. Jerry Weitz presented the rationale for discontinuing the Certificate in Urban Design in the Department of Geography. The program was developed by a professor who is no longer at ECU. Program has been identified as an underperforming program since its graduation rate has been 12-13 graduates in 5 years. Only one student is currently in the program. This student will finish the program in Fall 2013 and will graduate under an older catalogue.
Action Taken: Motion to approve termination of Certificate Program in Urban Design, Department of Geography was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item: Consider a request to rename Department of Geography to Department of Geography, Planning and Environment. The rationale for the name change was to better reflect the activities of the department, which include a significant effort in the fields of planning and environment. It is also believed that the revised name will attract more students because it will clarify the nature of geography.
Action Taken: A motion to approve the request to rename Department of Geography to Department of Geography, Planning and Environment was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item: Consider the modification of concentrations within the Department of Geography’s BS degree in Urban and Regional Planning. Paul Gares presented the rationale for this request. If approved, students will select two concentrations instead of a minor.
Action Taken: A motion to approve the modification of concentrations within the Department of Geography’s BS degree in Urban and Regional Planning was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item: Consider a request to discontinue the BA in Communications within the School of Communication, College of Fine Arts and Communications. Linda Kean and Todd Fraley presented
the rationale for the request. The School of Communications now has a BS in Communications. There have not been any new students in the B.A. degree program for years.

**Action Taken:** A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the request to discontinue the BA in Communications within the School of Communication, College of Fine Arts and Communications.

**Agenda Item:** Consider a request to discontinue the BA in Music Therapy. Chris Uffers presented the rationale for the request. Music Therapy is being discontinued because it has been included on a list of low performing programs at ECU and because efforts to increase performance have not generated increased enrollment. There was considerable discussion concerning this request. In particular committee members were concerned about the impact of this discontinuation on students presently enrolled in the major and those who are enrolling at ECU to pursue the major. Those enrolled in the degree at present will be allowed to complete the degree. If approved, Music Therapy will become a concentration within the BA in Music and will use the CIP code of the BA in Music (as opposed to the current CIP Code in Music Therapy).

**Action Taken:** A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the request to discontinue the BA in Music Therapy with the understanding that upon reorganization within the BA in Music program, Music Therapy will become a concentration.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to postpone until the next meeting to consider the Higher Education Academic Program Review and the LEED Unit Academic Program Review.

**New Business:** Linner Griffin informed the committee that the discontinuation of certificate program had mistakenly been approved by the Chancellor without having come through the EPPC. The program is the Recreation Therapy Administration Program.

**Action Taken:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to have a special meeting to discuss the discontinuation of the Recreation Therapy Administration Program.

Next Meeting: Special Meeting March 18, 2013
Meeting adjourned 2:30 PM

Minutes submitted by Mary G. Glascoff