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**EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE  
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

**2021-2022 Academic Year**

**COMMITTEE: Educational Policies and Planning**

Membership (include ex-officio members).

Heidi Bonner, Criminal Justice, Associate Professor. 2022  
Bryna Coonin (Secretary), Academic Library Services, Professor. 2022  
Timothy Jenks (Vice Chair), History, Associate Professor 2023  
John Collins (Chair), Philosophy and Religious Studies, Associate Professor. 2023  
Jean-Luc Scemama, Biology, Associate Professor. 2023  
Michael Dingfelder, Physics, Professor. 2024  
Michele Wallen, Health Education and Promotion, Associate Professor. 2024  
Suzanne Lea, Medicine, Associate Professor. 2024

Ex-officio Members

Jason Yao, (Rep. of Chancellor), Professor. 2022. Engineering and Technology  
Cyndi Bellacero, (Rep. of Provost), Director. 2022. Academic Planning and Accreditation  
Ruth Little, (Rep. of VC for Health Sciences), Associate Professor. 2022 Brody School of Medicine  
Ron Preston, (Rep. of VC for Research, Economic Development, and Engagement), Associate Professor. 2022  
Education  
Jonathan Reid, (Rep. of Chair of the Faculty), Associate Professor. 2022 Arts and Sciences (History)  
Mark Bowler, (Rep. of Faculty Senate), Associate Professor. 2022 Arts and Sciences (Psychology)  
Cameron Brown, (Rep. of Student Body). 2022 Student Government Association

Meeting Dates (include members present).

September 10, 2021 (John Collins, Bryna Coonin, Timothy Jenks, Michael Dingfelder, Suzanne Lea, Jean-Luc Scemama, Michelle Wallen, Cyndi Bellacero, Mark Bowler, Ruth Little, Ron Preston, Jonathan Reid, Jason Yao, Cameron Brown). Also in attendance: Rachel Baker, Puri Martinez.  
October 8, 2021 (Heidi Bonner, John Collins, Bryna Coonin, Timothy Jenks, Michael Dingfelder, Suzanne Lea, Jean-Luc Scemama, Michelle Wallen, Cyndi Bellacero, Ruth Little, Jonathan Reid, Jason Yao, Cameron Brown). Also in attendance: Rachel Baker  
November 12, 2012 (John Collins, Bryna Coonin, Timothy Jenks, Michael Dingfelder, Suzanne Lea, Jean-Luc Scemama, Michelle Wallen, Cyndi Bellacero, Mark Bowler, Ruth Little, Ron Preston, Jonathan Reid, Jason Yao, Cameron Brown). Also in attendance: Rachel Baker, Puri Martinez  
January 14, 2022 (Heidi Bonner, John Collins, Bryna Coonin, Michael Dingfelder, Timothy Jenks, Suzanne Lea, Jean-Luc Scemama, Michelle Wallen, Cyndi Bellacero, Mark Bowler, Ruth Little, Ron Preston, Jonathan Reid, Jason Yao). Also in attendance: Rachel Baker  
February 11, 2022: meeting canceled for lack of business  
March 18, 2022 (John Collins, Bryna Coonin, Michael Dingfelder, Timothy Jenks, Suzanne Lea, Michelle Wallen, Cyndi Bellacero, Mark Bowler, Ruth Little, Ron Preston, Jonathan Reid, Jason Yao). Also in attendance: Rachel Baker, Puri Martinez.  
April 8, 2022 (Heidi Bonner, John Collins, Bryna Coonin, Michael Dingfelder, Timothy Jenks, Suzanne Lea, Jean-Luc Scemama, Michelle Wallen, Mark Bowler, Ruth Little, Ron Preston, Jonathan Reid, Jason Yao).

Subcommittees established during the year (include progress and/or completion of work).

Accomplishments during the year. Please include recommendations made to any University agency other than the Faculty Senate.

- revised the committee charge to accommodate the changes in vice-chancellor-to-provost organizational structure, and to ensure IPAR representation on the committee
- approved a revision to the committee charge to initiate a process for EPPC monitoring of low-productivity programs

- oversaw the APRs of the Departments of Sociology, Political Science, History; the School of Hospitality Leadership; Criminal Justice; and the African and African American Studies Program
- received final APR unit responses from the Departments of Biomedical Engineering, Psychology, Sociology, Philosophy & Religious Studies, and the School of Hospitality Leadership
- participated in discussion on Prior Learning Assessment, with PLA Committee members Karen Rupp and Amy Shannon
- assigned a regular voting member of the committee to serve on the Badging Governance Committee (which later became the Microcredentials Committee)

Reports to the Faculty Senate (include dates and resolution numbers).

Faculty Senate Resolution #21-69:

Curriculum and academic matters acted on and recorded in the Educational Policies and Planning meeting of [November 12, 2021](#), including revision of the Computer Game Development Certificate in the Department of Computer Sciences within the College of Engineering and Technology; and Academic Program Review responses for the Department of Engineering and the Department of Psychology.

Faculty Senate Resolution #22-03:

Curriculum and academic matters acted on and recorded in the Educational Policies and Planning meeting of [January 14, 2022](#), including a new undergraduate certificate in Maternal and Child Health in the Department of Health Education and Promotion within the College of Health and Human Performance, and revision to the MA in History in the Department of History within the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences.

Faculty Senate Resolution #22-24:

Curriculum and academic matters acted on and recorded in the [March 18, 2022](#) Educational Policies and Planning.

The following items acted on by the committee were determined to need additional review. Resolutions presented to the Faculty Senate during the November 12, 2021 meeting:

Faculty Senate Resolution #21-58:

Revisions to the University Undergraduate Catalog, Academic Advisement, Progression and Support Services, Academic Requirements for Degrees and Minors, Certificate Requirements.

Faculty Senate Resolution #21-59:

Revisions to the New Certificate Development Guidelines.

Business carried over to next year (list in priority order).

- Bring to Faculty Senate the revision of the committee charge to include monitoring of low-productivity programs.
- Consider policies relating to curricular microcredentials.
- Consider policies relating to Prior Learning Assessment.
- Implement policy regarding minors and double-counting of credits.
- Complete APR review for Political Science, History, Physics, Criminal Justice, and African and African-American Studies

Evaluation of the committee (include anything that hindered or assisted the committee's work during the year).

- Charge: Very good, as revised. Revision regarding monitoring low productivity programs needs to be brought to Faculty Senate.
- Personnel: Excellent, and representing expertise in a broad range of schools and colleges.
- Attendance: Excellent
- Responsibilities: Appropriate, but should be expanded to include monitoring of low productivity programs.
- Activities: The committee was kept very busy.

Suggestion(s) to the Chair of the Faculty for improving the effectiveness of the committee.

To be honest, how about changing the requirements of this Annual Report? 90% of the information requested is already posted to the Faculty Senate pages of the university website. This duplication of reporting is a waste of faculty productivity. A simple memo concerning the issues itemized under 'Evaluation of the Committee' would be sufficient.

Does the Committee's organizational meeting next year need to be earlier than the date set this year?  
If yes, when do you prefer: NO

Signed: Chairperson: John Collins

Vice Chair: Timothy Jenks

Secretary: Bryna Coonin

**Please forward the completed, approved annual report to the Faculty Senate office via email ([faculty senate@ecu.edu](mailto:faculty senate@ecu.edu)) no later than May 15, 2022.**