

## **COMMITTEE: Educational Policies and Planning**

**MEETING DATE:** Friday, November 8, 2019 (142 Rawl Annex)

**PERSON PRESIDING:** Mark Bowler

### **ATTENDANCE**

**Regular members:** Paige Averett, Heidi Bonner, Mark Bowler, Don Chaney, John Collins, Bryna Coonin, Michael Dingfelder

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

**Also in attendance:** Rachel Baker, Karen Rupp, Novine Kros, Marc Setliff, Dr. Ying Zhou (IPAR)

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### **ACTIONS OF MEETING**

**Call to order: 1:00 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM #1:** Approval of October 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes

**ACTION TAKEN:** Tabled until December meeting – not yet posted to SharePoint

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**AGENDA ITEM #2:** Discontinuation of MM in Music Education

Unit: College of Fine Arts and Communication

Representative: Jay Juchniewicz

**DISCUSSION:** Discontinued due to restructuring of the program curriculum. MM in Music Ed will be absorbed as a concentration within the MM in Music. Faculty and students were involved in the decision to close the program. Ten students are currently enrolled – coursework will continue to be offered so students can complete or can change to the new concentration. Students will not incur any additional charges as a result of the closure. No faculty or staff will be affected by the closure.

**ACTION TAKEN:** APPROVED

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**AGENDA ITEM #3:** Revision of Degree Plan -- BSBA in Management. Adding the concentration in Human Resources and removing the entrepreneurship concentration

Unit: College of Business/ Dept. of Management

Representative: Craig Williams

**DISCUSSION:** Department determined that the department is a little behind nationally and in NC in making the HR concentration change. The Dept. of Management voted to approve, Curriculum Committee of COB and Dean also approved. UCC approved. Will add four additional courses and will deliver online. Existing courses are offered face to face and online. Faculty resources needed are covered. Entrepreneurship is now a full degree offered in the Miller School of Entrepreneurship.

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**ACTION TAKEN: APPROVED BOTH ACTIONS**

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**AGENDA ITEM #4:** New Degree Program – BSBA in Supply Chain Management  
Unit: College of Business/Dept. of Marketing & Supply Chain Management  
Representative: Jon Kirchoff

**DISCUSSION:** Supply Chain Management has been a concentration in the BSBA in Marketing. Employers, alumni (grads of the program) have indicated that there should be a separate degree. No new resources or new faculty required – this amounts to more of a name change. Gives more visibility for students looking for supply chain emphasis. BSBA in Marketing continues.

**ACTION TAKEN: APPROVED**

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**AGENDA ITEM #5:** BA in Biology  
Unit: Dept. of Biology  
Representative: Jean-Luc Scemama

**DISCUSSION:** This is a new degree in Biology. The department expects that students will be moving initially from BS to BA. If the BA does 'take off' and an influx of new students develops they may need some additional (fixed term) faculty, but that is not expected initially. There are students waiting for this degree, however, and Scemama indicates that they are actually losing students in the major by not having it. Current Biology faculty is enthusiastic about this new degree.

**ACTION TAKEN: APPROVED**

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**AGENDA ITEM #6:** Minor Policy Subcommittee Report  
Unit: EPPC  
Representative: Donna Kain

**DISCUSSION:** George Bailey, Donna and John Collins are serving as the subcommittee looking at this issue. Representatives from the Registrar's Office were present at today's EPPC for this discussion. In Kain's absence John Collins spoke and recapped to date the proposals offered, including Bailey's latest proposal. There is some major/minor overlap in some instances. John requested data about all major/minor combos that have overlap – some of it has already been received. Minors can be in the area of the major as long as half of minor courses are not counting toward major requirements. You can have six hours of double counting. English and Creative Writing was mentioned as an example. What is the subcommittee asking of EPPC? Bailey and Kain unable to be present at today's EPPC meeting so it was not entirely clear what

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other data was needed or requested although Registrar's office indicated that they were asked to provide data last April and did so. Multidisciplinary BA and University Studies both have minors so students in these areas sometimes have access to minors that students in more structured areas do not have. The prefix matters in this. There are a lot of caveats. Some majors and minors do operate under strict policies. But there are gaps. Right now a music major can get a minor in music. DegreeWorks was mentioned as a possible tool to assist with this issue. However, it would be very complicated to program to accurately reflect what can and cannot be shared. You have to manually program many of the variables. What CAN Degreeworks do? Due to its limitations it may harm students trying to graduate in four years with 120 hours.

It was unclear whether a vote of some kind was needed, and what the nature of the motion would be, as there are still too many unsettled items.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The discussion and any further action was TABLED until Donna Kain and George Bailey can be present for the meeting.

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**AGENDA ITEM #7:** New Undergraduate Minor – Criminal Law and Legal Process  
Unit: Department of Criminal Justice  
Representative: Heidi Bonner

**DISCUSSION:** Bonner reintroduced this request. The minor is intended to prepare students for law school. The department surveyed students – there is quite a bit of demand for this type of minor. They have the expertise already on faculty, including a JD. Do not need additional resources.

**ACTION TAKEN:** APPROVED

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**AGENDA ITEM #8:** Discussion Regarding APR Guideline Purpose and Potential Revisions  
Unit: EPPC  
Representatives: George Bailey, Mark Bowler, Donna Kain

**DISCUSSION:** This discussion has been ongoing in EPPC. Collin and Bowler reported on a meeting they recently attended concerning the guidelines, seeking additional clarification.

EPPC found the guideline changes imprecise and confusing. Some EPPC members noted that APR is treated as a department review and think it should be edited toward a program review. What happened to the research component? Research is more complicated in departments that have programs accredited outside. IPAR does divide out accredited programs but it is complicated.

The thinking expressed was that revisions should be brought by faculty. Zhou was asked for her perspective. She provided some history of how the guidelines were developed. She indicated that it would be helpful to have them re-written but also added that there has been some good feedback about the APR process. She also indicates that clean-up can happen – confusion

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about the use of the term “unit,” for example. No matter how we move forward she will work with EPPC and the faculty.

A number of views were expressed around a variety of issues such as curriculum, program outcomes, retention, APR as self-assessment. This discussion will be continued at the next EPPC meeting. No motions were presented.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** none

**NEXT MEETING:** Friday December 13, 2019

**ADJOURNMENT:** 2:50 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Bryna Coonin,  
Secretary  
EPPC  
11/14/2019